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**CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT**

# State preps shot rollout for kids

## Lamont says 100K doses of Pfizer vaccine have been ordered in anticipation of its authorization

**By Eliza Fawcett**
Hartford Courant

With the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine on the verge of emergency use authorization for children ages 5 to 11, Gov. Ned Lamont said Wednesday that Connecticut has already ordered 100,000 vaccine doses for that age group and is preparing for the vaccine rollout.

"We're working very closely with our physicians and your primary care doc, but you've also got to remember a lot of these kids don't have a primary care doc," Lamont said at a health care forum at the Jackson Laboratory in Farmington.

To bridge that divide, the state is partnering with federally qualified health centers and local health departments to administer the vaccine in schools, he said.

"Everything with parental permission. We've got to be really careful about this," he said. "You have to bring people along."

On Tuesday, an advisory committee to the Food and Drug Administration recommended the authorization of Pfizer-BioNTech's coronavirus vaccine for 5- to 11-year-olds. If the FDA authorizes the vaccine for that age group, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention agrees with that decision, it would enable about 28 million children across the country to become eligible for shots.

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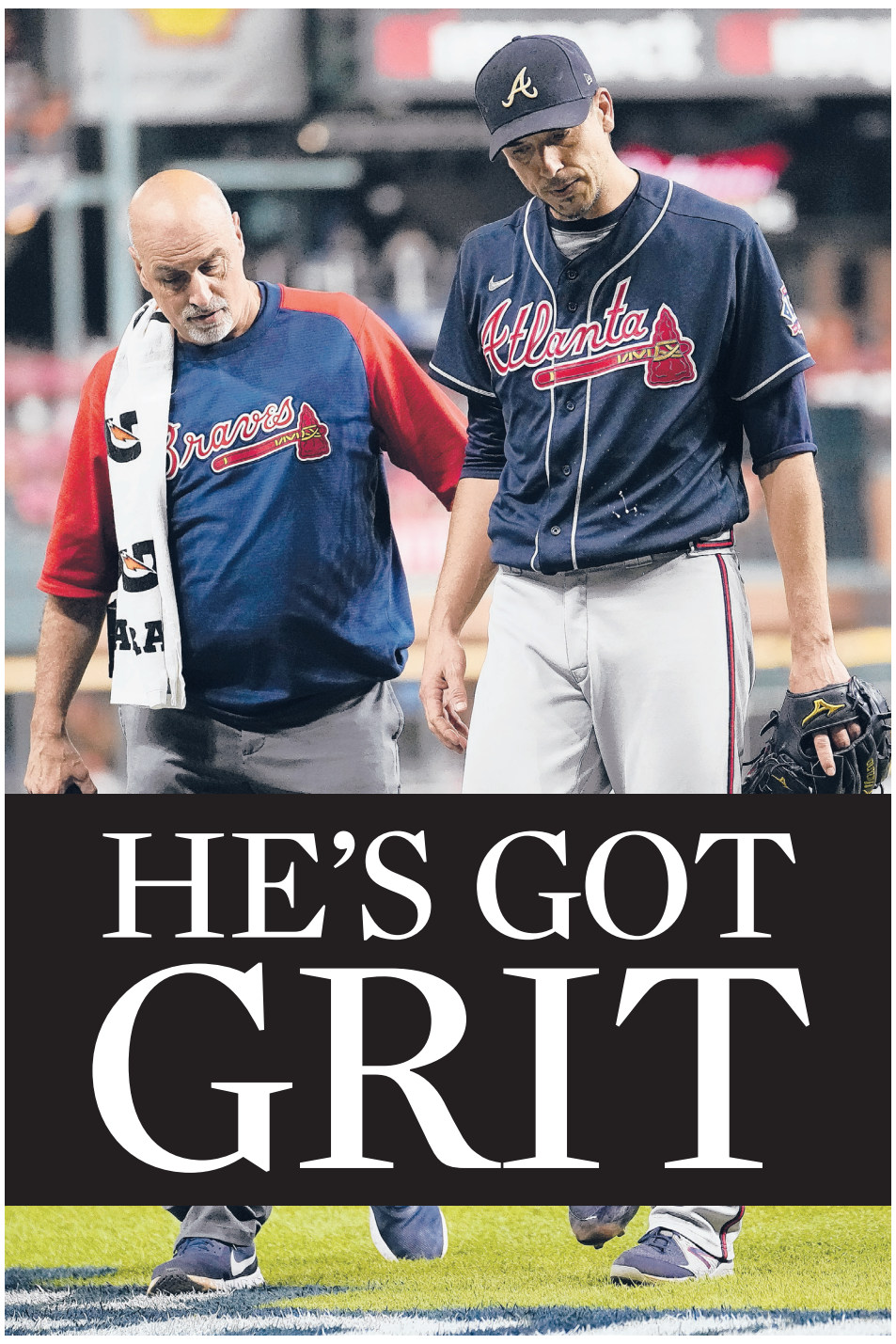

# HE'S GOT GRIT

Atlanta Braves ace Charlie Morton pitched part of Game 1 of the World Series with a broken leg. That was no surprise to those who coached him at Redding's Joel Barlow High.

**By Dom Amore** | Hartford Courant

Charlie Morton wasn't around to celebrate with his teammates when the Atlanta Braves nailed down Game 1 of the World Series, 6-2, on Tuesday night, and he was sorry.

In the second inning, the Houston Astros' Yuli Gurriel hit a hard smash 102 mph off the bat, one-hopping off Morton's right leg.

Morton, who played his high school ball in Connecticut, stayed in the game and finished the inning, and when initial X-rays were clear, he came out and pitched in the third, striking out two batters before the pain became too intense for him to continue. A second set of X-rays showed he had a fractured fibula, the slender bone that runs along the calf muscle.

He threw 16 pitches and retired three batters with a broken leg.

"And if that doesn't tell you everything you need to know about Charlie Morton," the Braves' Freddie Freeman told ESPN, "I'm not sure what does."

Morton's grit and courage were no surprise for two coaches who sent him to the mound for Redding's Joel Barlow High two decades ago.

"It's both remarkable and heartbreaking at the same time," said Keith O'Rourke, who coached Morton his last three seasons in high school. "You hate to see that happen to Charlie, but I feel like what he did, over time, will become a legendary thing. 'Remember when Charlie Morton got three outs on a broken leg?' Now the Braves have to go on and win the World Series."

Braves pitcher and Joel Barlow High graduate Charlie Morton, right, is helped off the field during Game 1 of the World Series Tuesday night. **ASHLEY LANDIS/AP**

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# Pelosi: Budget deal in 'good shape' to pass

## But breakthrough on top measure in Biden agenda elusive just days before key deadline

**By Lisa Mascaro, Aamer Madhani and Alan Fram**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared Wednesday that Democrats are in "pretty good shape" on President Joe Biden's sweeping domestic plan, but hopes for a breakthrough quickly faded when a pivotal Democratic senator panned a new billionaires' tax to help pay for the $1.75 trillion package.

Biden and Democrats are racing to wrap up talks before the president departs this week for overseas global summits. Besides pressing for important party priorities, he's hoping to show foreign leaders the U.S. is getting things done under his still-new administration.

A signature package of proposals in the balance, the president could yet visit Capitol Hill before traveling abroad Thursday. The administration is assessing the situation "hour by hour," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said.

"We are on track now to move forward once we get an agreement," Psaki said.

But Biden's big proposal of social services and climate change programs ran into stubborn new setbacks, chief among them how to pay for it all.

A just-proposed tax on billion-

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Sen. Joe Manchin, left, objected Wednesday to a proposed tax on billionaires' assets. **AL DRAGO/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

# Regulator slams state's Eversource settlement

## Small refund could be disappointing, she says

**By Stephen Singer**
Hartford Courant

With a sharp dissent by Connecticut's top utility regulator, the state on Wednesday approved a $103 million settlement with Eversource Energy over its handling of Tropical Storm Isaias in August 2020, requiring the utility to provide refunds to customers and establish local control over state operations.

Marissa Gillett, chairwoman of the state Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, cast the sole vote against the deal negotiated by the administration of Gov. Ned Lamont, Attorney General William Tong and the state consumer counsel.

In her detailed disagreement — rare for a PURA chair — she broadly criticized the agency's past practices. Gillett, who has headed PURA since 2019, said an average refund of $35 approved in the settlement could leave consumers "underwhelmed," while removing a penalty of nearly $30 million a year aimed at Eversource's profit that PURA had sought robs regulators of a

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**Two cops targeted by gunfire praised by their bosses**

Law enforcement leaders praised Hartford and Norwich officers for their vigilance after the cops escaped gunfire in separate incidents Monday and Tuesday. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 3**


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## Isaias

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tool to force the utility to change how it plans for, and responds to, major storms.

PURA Vice Chairman John Betkoski and Commissioner Michael Caron backed the settlement that requires Eversource to return $65 million to customers as two credits on their December and January bills. The average customer will see a $35 credit.

In the agreement, Eversource will not appeal a $28.4 million penalty levied by PURA due to its response to Isaias that left as many as 800,000 customers without power for days. And the utility has agreed to not seek a rate increase until at least January 2023 for rates that could not take place until at least January 2024.

Eversource also will set aside $10 million to help customers who are unable to pay their utility bills.

And the utility will establish a Connecticut-based president of Connecticut Light & Power. It has offices in Boston and Hartford, but its strong Massachusetts presence dates to 2012 when Connecticut Light & Power's parent company, Northeast Utilities, purchased Boston-based NStar.

The state on Wednesday approved a $103 million settlement with Eversource Energy over its handling of Tropical Storm Isaias in August 2020, requiring the utility to provide refunds to customers and establish local control over state operations. **COURANT FILE**

Tong said the agreement "forces significant governance changes at Eversource," but Gillett said it "lacks the necessary specificity." Costs related to the compensation of board members and executives will be paid by Connecticut ratepayers, but the benefits "remain nebulous at this stage," she said.

"The new Connecticut president will remain accountable to an Eversource-controlled board of directors, in which even the new 'independent' seats are outnumbered by the seats held by Eversource executives," she said.

And during storms the "status quo will persist" because the Connecticut incident commander will continue to report to the regional president, Gillett said.

In addition, she said responses were "underwhelming, nonspecific and noncommittal" to questions about when the regional president will hand off responsibilities to the incoming Connecticut president and when Connecticut ratepayers would pay what she called duplicative executive salaries.

Lamont said the settlement "clears the way for PURA to make real progress on performance-based rate-making" and "provides certainty to Eversource customers about the remedies they will receive as a result of Eversource's poor performance in response to Tropical Storm Isaias by disposing of legal claims related to the storm penalty decisions."

Eversource said in an emailed statement the settlement "provides immediate, tangible relief for our customers as we continue to deal with COVID-19 and prepare for winter, as well as long term benefits for Connecticut."

Gillett conceded that the settlement reflects the "collective will of the parties who represent a variety of vested interests in the outcome" and she will "work diligently to see" that it's enforced. But she broadly criticized previous PURA policies.

She said the $35 refund could leave Eversource customers underwhelmed and criticized the rate freeze through Jan. 1, 2024, in which Eversource will not seek an increase in the distribution charge. It's one of many costs on monthly bills that bewilder customers, and she said the "nuances of electric rate-making simply do not matter when you are a ratepayer faced with a monthly electric bill that has increased."

Gillett cited intense public criticism in July 2020 when regulators reconciled the utility's costs to account for fluctuating federal charges related to the transmission of electricity and state costs that PURA must by law approve.

And she warned of yet more cost increases this winter due to a global rise in the cost of natural gas.

"At best, the public will be confused as to why (PURA) has 'allowed' these rate increases when the settlement has negotiated a rate freeze, and at worst, this confluence of events may undermine the public's confidence in the public bodies entrusted with ensuring affordable rates, which is ultimately to no one's benefit," she said.

Anecdotal evidence shows that ratepayers are "underwhelmed by the monthly bill credits" ordered by PURA for what she said was Eversource management's failures during Isaias.

One of the most effective tools, Gillett said, is a reduction in the company's rate on equity, a measure its profitability.

Gillett said allowing Eversource to "dispose of its obligations" imposed by PURA in a one-time, lump sum cash infusion brings "finality and closure and also removes the litigation risk from the equation."

"But I worry that this will not be the last time that we are in this situation — more devastating storms will come to pass — and a tool such as a return on equity reduction would more acutely encourage Eversource's executives to properly prepare for and respond to such storm," she said.

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## Vaccines

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If all of the necessary approvals occur, Connecticut children ages 5 to 11 would be able to start receiving COVID-19 vaccines on Thursday, Nov. 4, according to the state Department of Public Health.

"The expected approval of the Pfizer vaccine for children 5—11 marks a major step forward in the overall COVID-19 vaccine rollout," DPH said in a statement.

"An authorized vaccine for nearly all school-aged children will help keep schools open and safe. Although children generally have mild cases of COVID-19, some do get sick."

Hundreds of pediatricians, hundreds of pharmacies, some on-site school clinics and several health systems and local health departments across the state will be able to administer the vaccine to children in that age group, according to DPH.

At the Jackson Laboratory, Lamont also encouraged eligible residents to get booster shots.

"I don't think I can overestimate enough how important it is that folks my age get the booster," he said.

COVID-19 booster shots are currently available for recipients of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccine more than six months removed from their second dose who are 65 or older, have health conditions that leave them vulnerable to COVID-19 or work jobs that leave them at high risk.

They are also available for anyone 18 or older who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago.

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## Morton

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Atlanta Braves pitcher Charlie Morton, who attended high school in Connecticut, participates in a workout on Monday prior to the start of the World Series against the Astros in Houston, Texas. **CARMEN MANDATO/GETTY**

Morton, 37, was born in New Jersey and moved to western Connecticut with his family before high school. His family had installed a batting cage, pitching mound and had a radar gun in his basement, and his teammates would often gather there to practice if it was raining.

Morton, who made the varsity team as a freshman, was already showing the traits that endeared him to teammates then and still do today.

"He was a team-first guy," said Jeff Brown, who coached the Barlow team during Morton's freshman year. "Very quiet but very competitive."

By his sophomore year, when O'Rourke became the coach, Morton was already beginning to draw scouts to games. Having played in high school on Long Island with two future major league pitchers, Billy Koch and Peter Munro, O'Rourke recognized the talent.

"When I saw Charlie throw for the first time I knew we had a future professional baseball player here," O'Rourke said. "And I'll tell you, his high school teammates loved him. They looked up to him. They knew what they had. You're going to be revered when you have that kind of talent, but what makes people love you is when you're humble."

He recalls Morton always taking the blame on his shoulders when Joel Barlow lost, even if it wasn't his fault.

"He lost a game his senior year when he pitched a one-hitter because the kid pitching against him pitched a no-hitter," O'Rourke recalled. "Charlie probably felt he could have done better. Charlie always shouldered the weight."

His former coaches could only say, "That's Charlie," when they learned that Morton kept apologizing for having to leave the game and for missing the rest of the World Series as teammates went back to the trainer's room to check on him during the Braves' victory.

"He wanted to help the team win," O'Rourke said. "I'm not surprised he was apologizing for breaking his leg. The Braves are where they are because of Charlie, but he is too humble to even think that."

Morton was drafted by the Braves in 2002 after his senior year at Barlow. He debuted in the major leagues in 2008 and pitched with three teams and through several injuries, nearly retiring before he signed with Houston in 2017.

***"It's both remarkable and heartbreaking at the same time. ... I feel like what he did, over time, will become a legendary thing. 'Remember when Charlie Morton got three outs on a broken leg?' Now the Braves have to go on and win the World Series."***

*Keith O'Rourke, who coached Charlie Morton during his last three seasons at Redding's Joel Barlow High*

Still throwing close to 100 mph, he perfected his curveball and became a postseason hero, beating the New York Yankees with five scoreless innings in Game 7 of the ALCS and coming out of the bullpen to beat the Dodgers in Game 7 of the World Series.

After moving to the Tampa Bay Rays, he won a winner-take-all wild card game in 2019, and beat Houston in the ALCS. In 2020, he helped the Rays to the World Series, beating the Yankees once and the Astros twice in the playoffs. His career postseason record is 7-4 with a 3.35 ERA, 89 strikeouts in 78 innings.

"He's been a money pitcher in a prime spot," O'Rourke said. "He's become elite at a stage of his career where most guys are told they can't do it anymore."

His last two strikeouts, against Chas McCormick and Jose Altuve with his fractured leg, will only build on his legend as an October ace.

"That was something," Brown said. "Definitely reminiscent of Curt Schilling pitching with the bloody sock. The thing of legends."

Schilling, with the Boston Red Sox, pitched with a bloody sock against the Yankees after getting his ankle stitched in the 2004 ALCS. Hall of Famer Bob Gibson pitched to several batters after a Roberto Clemente line drive fractured his fibula in July 1967. Morton (2017), Schilling (2001) and Gibson (1964, '67) were all part of winning efforts in World Series Game 7s.

"I bet his teammates will press on hard with the 'next man up' philosophy as they see him in the dugout with a boot or cast on," Brown said.

Morton is expected to recover in time for spring training, which would be his 15th season in the major leagues.

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## Budget

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced a Thursday committee hearing to spur the package along toward a full House. But without Senate agreement, the House panel's meeting is merely an effort to kickstart the process. **OLIVER CONTRERAS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

aires could be scrapped after Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia objected, according to a senior party aide, who requested anonymity to discuss the private talks.

The billionaires' tax proposal had been designed to win over another Democratic holdout, Sen. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, but Manchin panned it as unfairly targeting the wealthy, leaving Democrats at odds.

"People in the stratosphere, rather than trying to penalize, we ought to be pleased that this country is able to produce the wealth," Manchin told reporters.

Manchin said he prefers a minimum 15% flat "patriotic tax" to ensure the wealthiest Americans don't skip out on paying any taxes.

Nevertheless, he said: "We need to move forward."

White House officials met at the Capitol with Manchin and Sinema, two senators who now hold enormous power, essentially deciding whether or not Biden will be able to deliver on the Democrats' major campaign promises.

In the 50-50 Senate, Biden needs all Democrats' support with no votes to spare.

"Making progress," Sinema said as she dashed into an elevator.

The quickening pace of negotiations came as Biden pressed to have a deal in hand ahead of the global summits. There's also a Sunday deadline to approve a smaller, bipartisan roads-and-bridges infrastructure bill or risk allowing funds for routine transportation programs to expire. But that $1 trillion bill has been held up by progressive lawmakers who are refusing to give their support without the bigger Biden deal.

Applying pressure, Pelosi announced a Thursday committee hearing to spur the Biden package along toward a full House. But without Senate agreement, the House panel's meeting is merely an effort to kickstart the process.

Democrats had hoped the unveiling of the billionaires' tax Wednesday could help resolve the revenue side of the equation after Sinema rejected the party's earlier idea of reversing Trump-era tax breaks on corporations and the wealthy, those earning more than $400,000.

The new billionaires' proposal would tax the gains of those with more than $1 billion in assets or incomes of more than $100 million over three consecutive years.

It would hit the wealthiest of Americans, fewer than 800 people, starting in the 2022 tax year, requiring them pay taxes on the gains of stocks and other tradeable assets, rather than waiting until holdings are sold.

A similar billionaires' tax would be applied to non-tradeable assets, including real estate, but it would be deferred with the tax not assessed until the asset was sold, though interest would have to be paid.

Overall, the billionaires' tax rate would align with the capital gains rate, now 23.8%. Democrats have said it could raise $200 billion in revenue that could help fund Biden's package over 10 years.

Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said the billionaires tax remains on the table.

"I've not heard a single United States senator — not one —get up and say, 'Gee, I think it's just fun that billionaires pay little or nothing for years on end,' " Wyden said Wednesday.

Taken together, the new billionaires' proposal, coupled with a new 15% corporate minimum tax, are designed to fulfill Biden's desire for the wealthy and big business to pay their "fair share."

They also fit his promise that no new taxes hit those earning less than $400,000 a year, or $450,000 for couples. Biden wants his package fully paid for without piling on debt.

"I've been talking about this for years," said Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., who campaigned for the presidency on a wealth tax, and backs Wyden's approach. "I've even made billionaires cry over this."

Tempers are running short as Democratic colleagues tire of the repeated objections from Manchin and Sinema.

Said Sen. Bernie Sanders, the Vermont Independent: "You got 48 out of 50 people supporting an agenda that works for the American people."

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# Facebook tracked ignition of rage

## Trump post about protests appeared to fuel hate speech

**By Amanda Seitz**
Associated Press

Police patrol a street May 28, 2020, in St. Paul, Minnesota, as protests flared over George Floyd's death. **JOHN MINCHILLO/AP**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The reports of hateful and violent posts on Facebook started pouring in on the night of May 28 last year, soon after then-President Donald Trump sent a warning on social media that looters in Minneapolis would be shot.

It had been three days since Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin kneeled on the neck of George Floyd for more than eight minutes until the 46-year-old Black man lost consciousness, showing no signs of life. A video taken by a bystander had been viewed millions of times online. Protests had taken over Minnesota's largest city and would soon spread throughout cities across America.

But it wasn't until after Trump posted about Floyd's death that the reports of violence and hate speech increased "rapidly" on Facebook across the country, an internal company analysis of the ex-president's social media post reveals.

"These THUGS are dishonoring the memory of George Floyd and I won't let that happen," Trump wrote at 9:53 a.m. May 28 from his Twitter and Facebook accounts. "Any difficulty and we will assume control but, when the looting starts the shooting starts!"

The former president has since been suspended from both Twitter and Facebook.

Leaked Facebook documents provide a first-hand look at how Trump's social media posts ignited more anger in an already deeply divided country that was eventually lit "on fire" with reports of hate speech and violence across the platform. Facebook's own internal, automated controls, meant to catch posts that violate rules, predicted with almost 90% certainty that Trump's message broke the tech company's rules against inciting violence.

Yet, the tech giant didn't take any action on Trump's message.

Offline, the next day, nationwide protests — some of which turned violent — engulfed many cities, big and small.

"When people look back at the role Facebook played, they won't say Facebook caused it, but Facebook was certainly the megaphone," said Lanier Holt, a communications professor at Ohio State University. "I don't think there's any way they can get out of saying that they exacerbated the situation."

Social media rival Twitter, meanwhile, responded quickly at the time by covering Trump's tweet with a warning and prohibiting users from sharing it any further.

Facebook's internal discussions were revealed in disclosures made to the Securities and Exchange Commission and provided to Congress in redacted form by former Facebook employee-turned-whistleblower Frances Haugen's legal counsel. The redacted versions received by Congress were obtained by a consortium of news organizations, including The Associated Press.

The Wall Street Journal previously reported that Trump was one of many high-profile users, including politicians and celebrities, exempted from some or all of the company's normal enforcement policies.

Hate speech and violence reports had been mostly limited to the Minneapolis region after Floyd's death, the documents reveal.

"However, after Trump's post on May 28, situations really escalated across the country," according to the memo, published on June 5 of last year.

The internal analysis shows a five-fold increase in violence reports on Facebook, while complaints of hate speech tripled in the days following Trump's post. Reports of false news on the platform doubled. Reshares of Trump's message generated a "substantial amount of hateful and violent comments," many of which Facebook worked to remove. Some of those comments included calls to "start shooting these thugs" and "f--- the white."

By June 2, "we can see clearly that the entire country was basically 'on fire,' " a Facebook employee wrote of the increase in hate speech and violence reports in the June 5 memo.

Facebook says it's impossible to separate how many of the hate speech reports were driven by Trump's post itself or the controversy over Floyd's death.

Yet, Facebook's own automated enforcement controls determined the post likely did break the rules.

"Our violence and incitement classifier was almost 90% certain that this (Trump) post violated Facebook's ... policy," the June 5 analysis reads.

To curb the ex-president's ability to stoke hateful reactions on its platform, Facebook employees suggested last year that the company limit reshares on similar posts that may violate Facebook's rules in the future.

But Trump continued to use his Facebook account, which more than 32 million follow, to fire up his supporters throughout much of the remainder of his presidential term.

In the days leading up to a deadly siege in Washington on Jan. 6, Trump regularly promoted false claims that widespread voter fraud caused him to lose the White House, spurring hundreds of his fans to storm the U.S. Capitol and demand the results of a fair election be overturned.

It wasn't until after the Capitol riot, and as Trump was on his way out of the White House, that Facebook pulled him off the platform in January, announcing his account would be suspended until at least 2023.

# Set showed 'complacency' with weapons, sheriff says

## NM authorities say it's too early to decide on charges

**By Morgan Lee, Susan Montoya Bryan and Cedar Attanasio**
Associated Press

Santa Fe County Sheriff Adan Mendoza and Santa Fe District Attorney Mary Carmack-Altwies make their way to a news conference Wednesday in New Mexico. **ANDRES LEIGHTON/AP**

SANTA FE, N.M. — Investigators said Wednesday that there was "some complacency" in how weapons were handled on the movie set where Alec Baldwin accidentally shot and killed a cinematographer and wounded another person, but it's too soon to determine whether charges will be filed.

Santa Fe County Sheriff Adan Mendoza noted that 500 rounds of ammunition — a mix of blanks, dummy rounds and live rounds — were found while searching the set of the Western movie "Rust."

"Obviously I think the industry has had a record recently of being safe. I think there was some complacency on this set, and I think there are some safety issues that need to be addressed by the industry and possibly by the state of New Mexico," Mendoza told a news conference nearly a week after the shooting.

Authorities also confirmed there was no footage of the shooting, which happened during a rehearsal. Investigators believe Baldwin's gun fired a single live round that killed cinematographer Halyna Hutchins and wounded director Joel Souza.

Detectives have recovered a lead projectile they believe the actor fired last week. Testing is being done to confirm whether the projectile taken from Souza's shoulder was fired from the same long Colt revolver used by Baldwin. The FBI will help with ballistics analysis.

Two other guns were seized, including a single-action revolver that may have been modified and a plastic gun that was described as a revolver, officials said.

Souza, who was standing behind Hutchins, told investigators there should never be live rounds present near the scene.

"We suspect that there were other live rounds, but that's up to the testing. But right now, we're going to determine how those got there, why they were there because they shouldn't have been," Mendoza said.

District Attorney Mary Carmack-Altwies said investigators cannot say yet whether it was negligence or by whom. She called it a complex case that will require more research and analysis.

"It will take many more facts, corroborated facts, before we can get to that criminal negligence standard," she said.

Investigators said they planned to follow up on reports of other incidents involving misfires with guns on the set.

Mike Tristano, a veteran armorer, or movie weapons specialist, was alarmed to hear that live rounds were mixed in with blanks and dummy rounds.

"I find that appalling," Tristano said. "In over 600 films and TV shows that I've done, we've never had a live round on set."

The shooting has baffled Hollywood professionals and prompted calls to better regulate firearms on sets or even ban them in the age of seamless computer-generated imagery. Court records say that an assistant director grabbed the gun from a cart and indicated the weapon was safe by yelling "cold gun."

The armorer on the Baldwin film, Hannah Gutierrez Reed, said she checked dummy bullets on the day of the shooting to ensure that none were "hot" rounds. She also told a detective that while the guns used for filming were locked up during a crew lunch break, ammunition was left on a cart unsecured, according to a search warrant released Wednesday ahead of the news conference.

When reached Wednesday by The Associated Press, she declined to comment. She said Monday by text message that she was looking for a lawyer.

Assistant director David Halls, who handed the gun to Baldwin before the shooting, said Gutierrez Reed typically opened the hatch of the gun and spun the drum, though he couldn't recall if she did that before the shooting. He said he only remembered seeing three rounds in the gun, according to the warrant. After the shooting, Halls took the gun to Gutierrez and said he saw five rounds in the gun, at least four of them were "dummy" rounds indicated by a hole on the side and a cap on the round. Halls said there was also a casing in the gun that did not have the cap and did not have the hole indicating it was a dummy, the warrant said.

Halls "advised the incident was not a deliberate act," according to the warrant, which was issued Wednesday in order to search a truck that was used on the set.

The gun Baldwin used was one of three that the armorer had placed on a cart outside the building where a scene was being rehearsed, according to court records.

Dana Zzyym said they're the first to have a U.S. passport with an "X" gender marking. **DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP 2015**

# US issues its first passport with an 'X' gender designation

**By Colleen Slevin**
Associated Press

DENVER — The United States has issued its first passport with an "X" gender designation, marking a milestone in the recognition of the rights of people who do not identify as male or female, and expects to be able to offer the option more broadly next year, the State Department said Wednesday.

The department did not identify the passport recipient, but Dana Zzyym, of Fort Collins, Colorado, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview it was their passport. Zzyym has been in a legal battle with the government since 2015 over a passport. Zzyym said the fight for the passport with an accurate gender designation was a way to help the next generation of intersex people win recognition as full citizens with rights.

"I'm not a problem. I'm a human being. That's the point," Zzyym said.

The U.S. special diplomatic envoy for LGBTQ rights, Jessica Stern, said the decision brings the government documents in line with the "lived reality" that there is a wider spectrum of human sex characteristics than is reflected in the previous two designations.

"When a person obtains identity documents that reflect their true identity, they live with greater dignity and respect," Stern said.

Zzyym was denied a passport for failing to check male or female on an application. According to court documents, Zzyym wrote "intersex" above the boxes marked "M" and "F" and requested an "X" gender marker instead in a separate letter.

Zzyym was born with ambiguous physical sexual characteristics but was raised as a boy, according to court filings. Zzyym served in the Navy as a male but later came to identify as intersex while working and studying at Colorado State University.

The department said in June that it was moving toward adding a third gender marker for nonbinary, intersex and gender-nonconforming people but that would take time because of required updates to its computer systems. In addition, a department official said the passport application and system update with the "X" designation option still awaited approval from the Office of Management and Budget, which signs off on all government forms.

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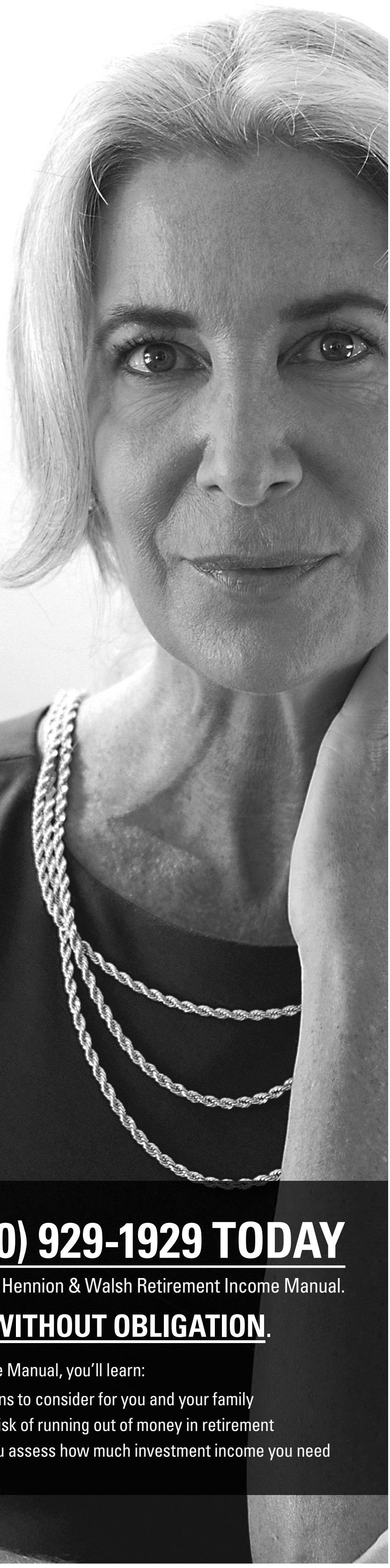

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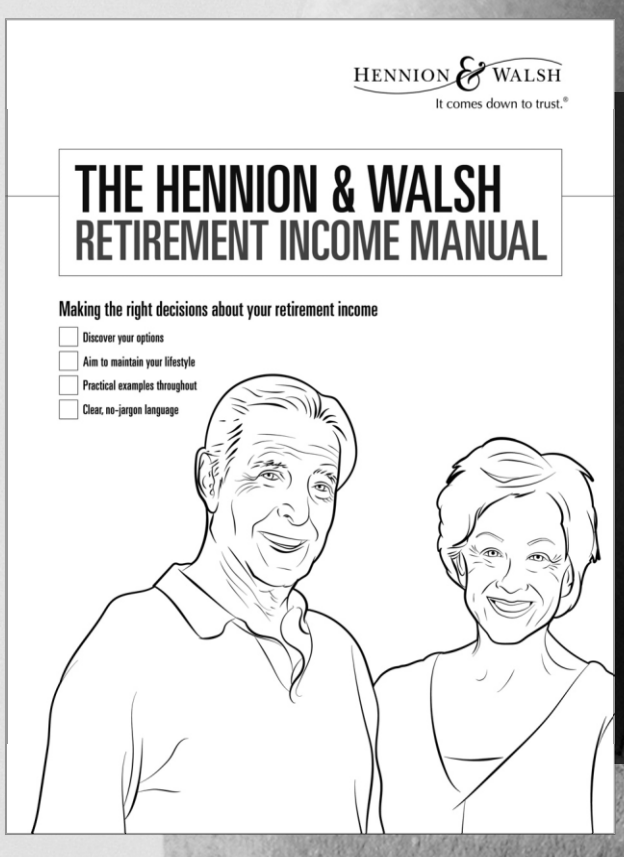
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# Virus still testing access to justice

## Concerns over right to see what happens in court amid crisis

**By David A. Lieb**
Associated Press

Mathew Rosengart, attorney for singer Britney Spears, speaks Sept. 29 outside the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in Los Angeles. **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP**

Just two reporters were allowed inside a Georgia courtroom to serve as the eyes and ears of the public when jury selection began for the men charged with murdering Ahmaud Arbery. Pandemic restrictions also kept reporters and the public out of the courtroom during the sex-trafficking trial of music star R. Kelly.

And in an Ohio courtroom, a federal judge relegated the press to an overflow room to listen to an audio feed for the trial of a Chinese national charged with trying to steal trade secrets from U.S. companies.

Over 18 months into the coronavirus pandemic, courts across the U.S. still grapple with how to balance public health concerns with the constitutional rights of a defendant and the public to have an open trial. Some courts are still functioning entirely virtually. Others are back in person. And many are allowing only limited public access.

"This is a fundamental constitutional right that the public has — to have open courts and to be able to see what's happening in real time in a courtroom," said David Snyder, executive director of the First Amendment Coalition, which has prodded California courts to improve public access during the pandemic.

COVID-19 space constraints have led judges across the U.S. to exclude or limit public and media attendance at trials.

During Kelly's trial, which concluded last month with his conviction, a federal judge in New York barred the press and public from the courtroom because jurors were sitting six feet apart in the gallery normally used by observers. Onlookers could watch a live video feed in an overflow courtroom, but it offered no view of the jury and only limited images of the defendant, witnesses and exhibits. At one point, prosecutors played a recording that jurors listened to with headphones, with no audio available for the press and public.

The judge rejected a request by media groups, including The Associated Press, to allow pool reporters in the courtroom for much of the trial, letting six reporters in for the verdict.

A similar scenario played out last week in Ohio, where a federal judge cited the pandemic while keeping the public out of the courtroom for the trial of Yanjun Xu, a Chinese official accused of trying of steal trade secrets from U.S. aviation and aerospace companies. There was no public access to jury selection. Audio of the trial was played for media in a conference room.

Overflow rooms are better than nothing but often leave observers unable to see the full context of what's occurring, like the reaction of jurors as evidence is presented, said New York attorney Rachel Strom, who represented media in the R. Kelly case.

"We don't know what we missed by not having someone actually in the courtroom," Strom said.

After the AP and other media filed legal motions, a Georgia judge granted just two media pool seats in the courtroom before the start of jury selection in the trial of three white men charged with chasing and killing Arbery. Graphic cellphone video of the 25-year-old Black man being shot sparked outrage nationally last year, and the trial is being closely watched as a referendum on how the legal system treats Black victims. The judge has let a third reporter and a photographer into the courtroom.

In another high-profile case, the press and public initially were allowed to listen remotely to court proceedings as pop star Britney Spears sought to end her father's conservatorship over her finances. But Los Angeles County Superior Court canceled the remote access after someone recorded a hearing, and the court refused to reinstate it for a September hearing when Spears was freed from her father's oversight. The court instead allowed more people into the courtroom.

USA Today recently asked the California Supreme Court to order the restoration of remote audio for the public and media as the pandemic has shifted expectations about what qualifies as public access.

"As courts open back up, they should strongly consider keeping some amount of remote access available to the public," said Lin Weeks, an attorney at the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

Many courts routinely use video conferencing in civil lawsuits, for bail proceedings in criminal cases and for family law disputes. Some also are using video conferencing to select jurors or to conduct entire jury trials.

Court officials say the virtual proceedings have saved time and money for attorneys, jurors, litigants and defendants, who no longer have to travel to a courthouse, take extensive time off work or arrange child care. Courts also have seen fewer no-shows among those summoned to virtual jury pools and, as a result, greater diversity on juries.

"It has been a lifeline as we've tried to keep the justice system moving during the pandemic, but it's also been transformational," said Sean O'Donnell, a superior court judge in King County, Washington.

King County judges have conducted about 700 online trials, including about 50 with jurors. During a trial O'Donnell presided over last week, the judge, attorneys, witness and jurors appeared on a 20-tile Zoom screen that the public could view on YouTube. Two jurors sat in clothes closets. One participated from his vehicle. Another was chided by O'Donnell to remove his cat from the camera view.

Despite those oddities, the virtual trial progressed much like a regular trial.

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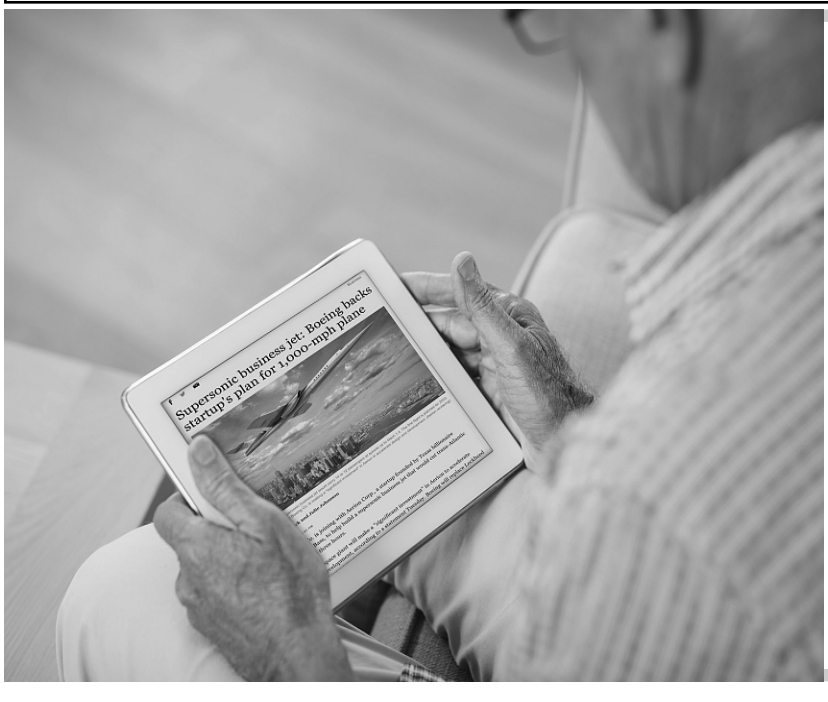


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# In France, a new Trump-like figure

## TV pundit incenses Jews while seeking to unseat Macron

**By John Leicester**
Associated Press

French far-right media pundit Eric Zemmour prior to a debate last month in Paris. Early in France's presidential race, Zemmour is finding large and fervent audiences for his anti-Islam and anti-immigration invective. **BERTRAND GUAY/GETTY**

PARIS — A survivor of the terrible journey to Auschwitz remembered how the youngest wailed. There were 99 children squeezed among 751 adults gasping for air, crazed by thirst and hunger, aboard convoy No. 63 that departed Paris at 10 minutes past midday on Dec. 17, 1943.

The 828 murdered at the death camp from that trainload alone included 3-year-old Francine Baur, her sister Myriam, 9, their brothers Antoine and Pierre, 6 and 10, and their parents Odette and Andre.

All born in France, their French citizenship proved worthless under France's wartime Vichy regime that teamed up with the country's Nazi occupiers and their extermination of Jews.

So when Andre Baur's great-nephew, a Paris mayor, was catching up on his Twitter feed recently and saw a claim reported in French media that Adolf Hitler's Vichy collaborators safeguarded France's Jews from the Holocaust, he was revolted.

Worst still in the eyes of Ariel Weil, mayor of the French capital's city center, was that the debunked assertion came from a pretender for the French presidency who is himself Jewish.

That person is Eric Zemmour, a rabble-rousing television pundit and author with repeated convictions for hate speech who is finding fervent audiences for his anti-Islam, anti-immigration invective in the early stages of France's presidential race.

He is packing auditoriums with paying crowds and filling supporters' heads with visions of a Trump-like leap from small screen to the presidential Elysee Palace when France votes in April.

Although not yet officially declared as a candidate, Zemmour has dictated the course and tenor of the campaign.

With climbing poll numbers, now consistently in double digits, and a Trump-like knack for generating buzz — recent video of him pointing a sniper rifle at journalists is racking up millions of views — Zemmour is sucking airtime from declared contenders.

He has also destabilized them by hammering on about immigration and the mortal danger he says it poses to France, making it harder for mainstream rivals to steer campaign conversation back to themes — combating climate change, post-pandemic rebuilding and suchlike — they want to focus on.

Zemmour is acting as a presidential contender in all but name. Supporters are soliciting funds and the backing from elected officials that candidates need to run. Shown the rifle at a security show by an exhibitor who said, "When you are president, Mr. Zemmour," he interjected, "Yes."

That is a horrifying scenario for French Jews who are appalled by Zemmour's sugarcoating of the Vichy regime that was led by World War I hero Marshal Philippe Petain. He was tried and sentenced to death at World War II's end, subsequently commuted to life imprisonment.

That Zemmour is himself a descendant of Berber Jews from Algeria, a family history he talks about proudly, deepened the hurt for Jews who lost relatives to the Holocaust.

"Just because he is Jewish, he is doing something that nobody else can do, and that is just disgusting," Weil told Associated Press in an interview. "History is complicated but this is very simple: Petain did not protect the French Jews."

The frightened men, women and children herded aboard convoy No. 63 swelled what, by World War II's end, became a shameful count of 74,182 Jews deported from France. Most were sent to their deaths in Auschwitz, in Nazi Germany-occupied Poland, where more than 1.1 million people perished.

A Paris court in February acquitted Zemmour on a charge of contesting crimes against humanity — illegal in France — for arguing in a 2019 television debate that Petain saved France's Jews from the Holocaust.

In its verdict, the court said the deportation of foreign and French Jews "was implemented with the active participation of the Vichy government, its officials, and its police." Zemmour's comments negated Petain's role in the extermination, the court added.

But in acquitting Zemmour, it said he'd spoken in the heat of the moment. It also noted that during the trial, Zemmour made a distinction between saying that "some French Jews" were saved (using the word "des" in French), which he maintained was true, and saying "the French Jews" were saved (using the French word "les"), a generality which he said he disavowed.

Yet last month, Zemmour employed "les" when expounding again on Vichy in another broadcast interview, saying: "I say that Vichy protected the French Jews and that it handed over the foreign Jews."

"It's abominable, because these poor people died," he added.

Lawyers who contest his court acquittal plan to cite that interview as evidence when their appeal is heard in January.

Politically, most threatened by Zemmour is French far-right leader Marine Le Pen.

Since losing the 2017 presidential runoff to winner Emmanuel Macron, she has watered down some of her policy proposals in hopes of broadening her appeal.

But Zemmour is chipping away at her base, seemingly poaching Le Pen voters who suspect she's gone soft.

Some polls suggest they are neck and neck.

But both consistently trail Macron, who is expected to stand again.

While both portray immigration as a threat to French identity, Zemmour uses language that Le Pen balks at and which his critics say positions him at the extremes of the far right.

In a country that officially regards itself as colorblind and where public discussion of race is sometimes frowned upon, Zemmour is rare among political figures in openly distinguishing between skin colors.

At a recent rally in Versailles, he described woke culture as a plot to make "white, heterosexual, Catholic" men feel "so full of guilt" that they willingly abandon their "culture and civilization."

On Vichy, Zemmour has sought of late to draw a line under that topic. "I am no longer discussing historical points that are discussed by historians," he said in Versailles.

But for French Jews, the damage is already done. Some fear he has muddied decades of work by Holocaust researchers to indelibly document the horrors.

"He is denying something that was evident, that cannot be denied," said Eugenie Cayet, 84, whose father was deported from Paris to Auschwitz and killed.

"What's his goal? To rally all of Le Pen's votes behind him."

Sudanese youths confront security forces using tear gas to disperse protesters Wednesday in Khartoum, the capital, amid ongoing pro-democracy demonstrations. **GETTY-AFP**

# Sudan arrests 3 coup critics as pressure rises on military

**By Samy Magdy**
Associated Press

CAIRO — Sudanese security forces detained three prominent pro-democracy figures overnight, their relatives and other activists said Wednesday, as internal and international pressure mounted on the country's military following its coup.

The arrests came as protests denouncing Monday's takeover continued in the capital of Khartoum and elsewhere, and many businesses shut in response to calls for strikes. The coup threatens to halt Sudan's fitful transition to democracy, which began after the 2019 ouster of longtime ruler Omar al-Bashir in a popular uprising.

Groups of protesters set up barricades of stones on main roads throughout the day. Security forces waded in, chasing demonstrators and dismantling the barriers. Some protesters were shot and wounded, activists said, though they did not have exact figures. Security forces confronting demonstrators have killed at least six people since Monday and wounded over 140 others, according to physicians with the Sudan Doctors' Committee.

The coup came after weeks of mounting tensions between military and civilian leaders over the course and pace of Sudan's moves toward democracy.

The African Union suspended Sudan. The AU Peace and Security Council said via Twitter on Wednesday that the suspension would remain in place "until the effective restoration of the civilian-led Transitional Authority," as the deposed government is known.

The World Bank also suspended disbursements for its operations in Sudan, whose economy has been battered by years of mismanagement and sanctions.

Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok's now-deposed government had embarked on a series of reforms meant to transform the country's economy and have the nation rejoin the international community after over two decades of isolation under al-Bashir.

Following widespread international condemnation, the military allowed Hamdok and his wife to return home Tuesday night.

Several Western embassies in Khartoum said Wednesday they will continue to recognize Hamdok and his Cabinet as "the constitutional leaders of the transitional government" of Sudan.

Volker Perthes, the U.N. special envoy for Sudan, met Wednesday with Abdel-Fattah Burhan, the general leading the coup, and reiterated the U.N.'s call for a return to the transition process under the constitutional document and the immediate release of all those arbitrarily detained.

The activists taken overnight were Ismail al-Taj, a leader of the Sudanese Professionals' Association; Sediq al-Sadiq al-Mahdi, a leader in Sudan's largest political party, known as Umma and brother of Foreign Minister Mariam al-Mahdi; and Khalid al-Silaik, a former media adviser to the prime minister. The three have been outspoken critics of the military takeover and have called for protests.

# Milley: China's weapon test close to a 'Sputnik moment'

**By David E. Sanger and William J. Broad**
The New York Times

Gen. Mark Milley said Wednesday that China's test was "a very significant event of a test of a hypersonic weapon system." **SARAHBETH MANEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

WASHINGTON — A Chinese test of a hypersonic missile designed to evade U.S. nuclear defenses was "very close" to a "Sputnik moment" for the United States, Gen. Mark Milley, chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Wednesday, the first official confirmation of how Beijing's demonstration of its capabilities took American officials by surprise.

Two separate tests took place this summer, conducted in a fashion that Chinese officials knew would be highly visible to U.S. satellites. But the United States said nothing about it.

The test was notable because hypersonic missiles can quickly maneuver and alter course, flying below low-earth orbit. They are virtually impossible for existing U.S. defenses, designed for intercontinental ballistic missiles that follow a predictable path into space and reenter the atmosphere, to intercept. The Chinese test was conducted in a manner that made it clear the hypersonic missile could be launched to go over Antarctica; existing U.S. defenses are all pointed west and north over the Pacific, meaning they would be useless in countering an attack from the south.

The U.S. has not conducted a hypersonic weapon test of the sort Milley said China had achieved.

"What we saw was a very significant event of a test of a hypersonic weapon system, and it is very concerning," Milley told David Rubinstein, the billionaire and philanthropist, who conducts an interview show on Bloomberg Television.

"I think I saw in some of the newspapers, they used the term Sputnik moment," he added. "I don't know if it's quite a Sputnik moment, but I think it's very close to that. So it's a very significant technological event that occurred, or test that occurred, by the Chinese. And it has all of our attention."

Sputnik was the launch, in 1957, of a Soviet satellite when Dwight Eisenhower was president. It created fear in Washington that the Soviets were getting ahead in the space race and led to President John F. Kennedy's declaration in the 1960s that the United States would be the first to land humans on the moon, an accomplishment that was reached in less than a decade. But it also spurred the nuclear arms race of the 20th century, which was only tamped down in the past 30 years, after the Soviet Union's collapse.

The U.S. has an active hypersonic program of its own, as do Russia and North Korea.

China has disputed Western news reports about its test, saying it was working on technology for a re-useable space vehicle for peaceful purposes.

Asked about Milley's remarks, White House press secretary Jen Psaki said he was conveying concern about China's military modernization. "They continue to pursue capabilities that increase tensions in the region," she said. "And we continue to have concerns about that. And I think that was reflected in his comments."

Some U.S. defense experts say the worry about China's work on a hypersonic weapon that could deliver a nuclear weapon from space are overblown.

James Acton of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace wrote in an essay last week that the U.S. has long been vulnerable to a Chinese nuclear attack.

"While the prospect of a nuclear attack against the United States is terrifying, this is no Sputnik moment partly because it's not entirely clear what was tested, but mostly because the threat of a Chinese nuclear attack on the United States isn't remotely new," Acton wrote.

*The Associated Press contributed.*

# WORLD & NATION

NEWS BRIEFING

## Israel advances plan for new settlements, a first in Bennett era

From news services

JERUSALEM — The Israeli government advanced plans Wednesday to build more than 3,000 new settlement units in the occupied West Bank, in the first move of its kind since Prime Minister Naftali Bennett succeeded Benjamin Netanyahu in June.

A defense ministry planning committee approved the construction of 3,130 new homes that would be spread across 25 existing settlements, most of them deep inside the West Bank, the territory that Palestinians hope will form part of a future Palestinian state.

The decision is considered the most important stage of the planning process, but some administrative steps, including the selection of construction companies, would still need to be taken before building begins.

The construction would further consolidate the Israeli presence in the West Bank and the barriers to the creation of a geographically contiguous Palestinian state.

The announcement has raised tensions between the Bennett government and the Biden administration, which opposes activity that makes it harder to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict by establishing a Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The move has also heightened disagreements within the Israeli government, a diverse coalition of ideologically opposed parties that put aside differences to remove Netanyahu from office. The move also promises to prolong the coalition's fragile alliance by avoiding unilateral decisions in relation to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Israel captured the West Bank and East Jerusalem from Jordan during the Arab-Israeli war in 1967. It has since permitted the construction of more than 130 Jewish settlements there, a process that most of the international community considers a breach of international law.

**Merek COVID-19 drug:** Merck has granted a royalty-free license for its promising COVID-19 pill to a United Nations-backed nonprofit in a deal that would allow the drug to be manufactured and sold cheaply in the poorest nations, where vaccines for the coronavirus are in devastatingly short supply.

The agreement with the Medicines Patent Pool, an organization that works to make medical treatment and technologies globally accessible, will allow companies in 105 countries, mostly in Africa and Asia, to sublicense the formulation for the antiviral pill, called molnupiravir, and begin making it.

Merck reported this month that the drug halved the rate of hospitalizations and deaths in high-risk COVID-19 patients in a large clinical trial.

Treatment-access advocates welcomed the new deal, which was announced Wednesday morning, calling it an unusual step for a major Western pharmaceutical company.

Charles Gore, director of the Medicines Patent Pool, said: "This is the first transparent public health license for a COVID medicine, and really importantly, it is for something that could be used outside of hospitals, and which is potentially going to be very cheap."

Merck has submitted its clinical trial data to the Food and Drug Administration seeking emergency-use authorization; a decision could come in early December.

**A resident takes a walk** around his house Wednesday, near the erupting volcano, on the Canary island of La Palma, Spain. Officials say a volcano erupting for the past five weeks on the Spanish island is more active than ever. New lava flows have emerged following a partial collapse of the crater and threaten to engulf previously unaffected areas. **EMILIO MORENATTI/AP**

**Attorney general directive:** Attorney General Merrick Garland on Wednesday defended a memo aimed at combating threats against school officials nationwide while Republicans insisted he rescind the directive.

He signaled he had no plans to do so despite their criticism.

The memo took center stage as Garland appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee and said it was meant to respond to violence and threats of violence directed against local school board officials.

The memo came out Oct. 4, less than a week after the National School Board Association wrote the Biden administration about the threats to school officials and asked for help.

Some school board meetings have devolved into shouting contests over issues such as how racial issues are taught, masks in schools, and COVID-19 vaccines and testing requirements.

Republicans say Garland went too far in instructing Justice Department divisions to coordinate with local law enforcement.

**Medical debt:** The political organization led by prominent Democrat Stacey Abrams is branching out into paying off medical debts.

The Fair Fight Political Action Committee on Wednesday told The Associated Press it has donated $1.34 million from its political action committee to the nonprofit organization RIP Medical Debt to wipe out debt with a face value of $212 million that is owed by 108,000 people in Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Lauren Groh-Wargo, CEO of allied group Fair Fight Action and senior adviser to the PAC, said paying off medical debt is another facet of the group's advocacy seeking expansion of Medicaid coverage in the 12 states that have refused to expand the health insurance to all poorer adults.

**Northeast storm:** A nor'easter that battered the Atlantic coast with hurricane-force wind gusts left more than a half-million homes and businesses without power in New England and forced the closure of bridges, ferries and schools in the region Wednesday.

Utility workers labored to restore power as the storm's winds and rain, which were felt as far north as Nova Scotia, diminished throughout the day. Restoring power in the hardest-hit areas in southeastern Massachusetts will take days, the utility Eversource told the Cape Cod Times.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency reported about 425,000 power outages after powerful winds blew tree branches laden with wet, heavy leaves onto power lines.

**EU, Poland standoff:** The European Union raised the stakes Wednesday in a standoff with Poland over judicial independence and the primacy of EU law, with the bloc's top court fining Poland $1.2 million a day to prevent what it called "serious and irreparable harm" to the EU's legal order and values.

The European Court of Justice imposed the penalty after a weeklong war of words in which Poland told the EU to stay out of its judicial affairs while other EU nations insisted that Warsaw could not continue to get EU subsidies while disregarding the bloc's democratic principles at will.

"You cannot pocket all the money but refuse the values," Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo said, warning Poland not to treat the EU like "a cash machine."

The Court of Justice decided to syphon off some of that money, saying the daily fine was "necessary in order to avoid serious and irreparable harm to the legal order of the European Union and to the values on which that Union is founded, in particular that of the rule of law."

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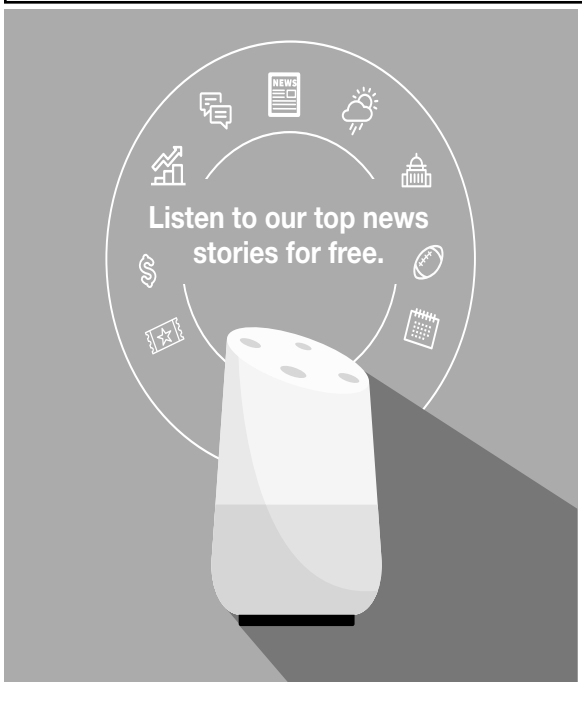


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# BUSINESS



## Retail trade group offers rosy outlook for holidays

### NRF forecasts sales in Nov.-Dec. period to break last year's record season

**By Anne D'Innocenzio**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, expects that holiday sales gain could shatter last year's record-breaking season even as a snarled global supply chain slows the flow of goods and results in higher prices for a broad range of items.

The trade group said Wednesday that it predicts that sales for the November and December period will grow between 8.5% and 10.5% to $843.4 billion and $859 billion.

Holiday sales increased 8.2% in 2020 compared with the previous year when shoppers, locked down during the early part of the pandemic, splurged on pajamas and home goods, mostly online.

The group expects that online and other non-store sales, which are included in the total, will increase between 11% and 15% to a total of between $218.3 billion and $226.2 billion driven by online purchases.

The numbers exclude automobile dealers, gasoline stations and restaurants.

Holiday sales have averaged gains of 4.4% over the past five years, according to the group.

The forecast considers a variety of indicators including employment, wages, consumer confidence, disposable income, consumer credit, previous retail sales and weather.

"There is considerable momentum heading into the holiday shopping season," NRF President and CEO Matthew Shay said.

Shay also noted during a call with the media Wednesday that the lifting of U.S. restrictions on international visitors from more than 30 countries early next month should also give a jolt to retailers this holiday season.

NRF's rosy forecast is similar to other predictions, which call for holiday sales to increase by at least 7%, according to Deloitte, MastercardSpending Pulse and KPMG.

Still, NRF executives acknowledged on the call that there are plenty of headwinds facing consumers who are dealing with the ripple effects of a clogged supply chain that has meant higher prices, less generous discounts and shortages of items.

For example, online prices are up 3% heading into the holidays; in contrast, that number, on average, has been down 5% in past years, according to the Adobe Digital Economy Index, which tracks more than one trillion visits to U.S. retail sites.

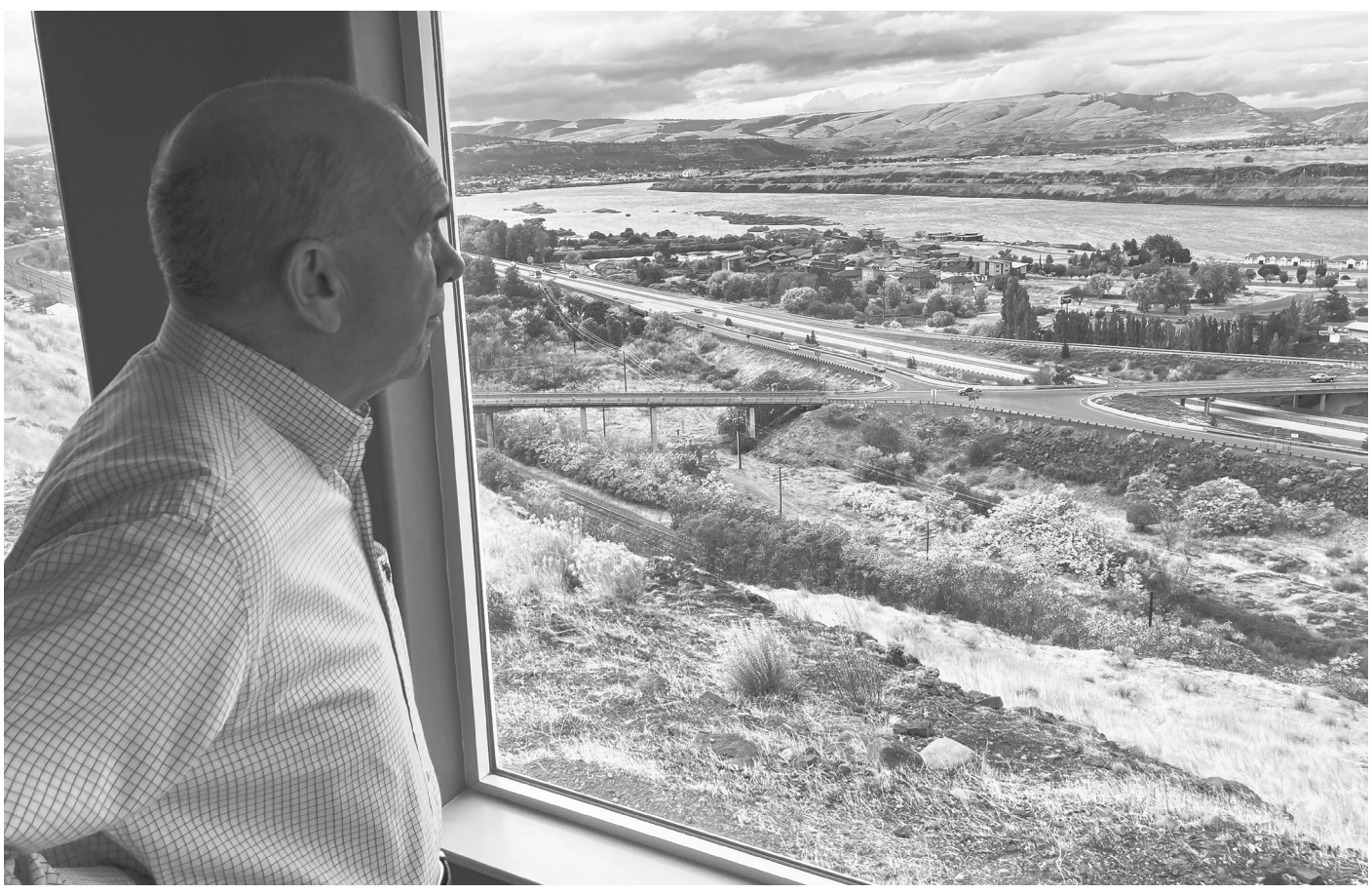
Adobe predicts that discounts will be in the 5% to 25% range across categories this season, compared to a historical average of 10% to 30%.

Just like last year, shoppers are shopping early for the holiday season for fear of not getting what they want.

But Shay said that retailers are doing a good job in making sure inventory is on the shelves though there will be some gaps in some categories.

Still, he has seen shoppers learn to adjust by switching to other brands and items if they can't find their top choice.

"Consumer will not be deterred," Shay said. "They will be out shopping for the holidays, and they won't go home empty-handed."



Mayor Richard Mays gazes Oct. 5 at the Columbia River from his home in The Dalles, Oregon. Mays helped negotiate a proposal by Google to build new data centers in the town, but they require a lot of water to cool their servers. River water would not be used. **ANDREW SELSKY/AP**

## Satisfying Big Tech's big thirst

### Proposed Google data centers threaten to further stretch water supplies in Ore. county

**By Andrew Selsky and Manuel Valdes**
Associated Press

THE DALLES, Ore. — Conflicts over water are as old as history itself, but the massive Google data centers on the edge of this Oregon town on the Columbia River represent an emerging 21st-century concern.

Data centers are a critical part of modern computing. They help people stream movies on Netflix, conduct transactions on PayPal, post updates on Facebook, store trillions of photos and more. But a single facility can churn through millions of gallons of water per day to keep hot-running equipment cool.

Google wants to build at least two more data centers in The Dalles, worrying some residents who fear there eventually won't be enough water for everyone — including for area farms and fruit orchards, which are by far the biggest users.

Across the United States, there has been pushback as tech companies build and expand data centers — conflicts likely to grow as water becomes a more precious resource amid the threat of climate change and the growing demand for cloud computing.

The concerns are understandable in The Dalles, the seat of Wasco County, which is suffering extreme and exceptional drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The Dalles is adjacent to the Columbia River, but the new data centers wouldn't be able to use that water and instead would have to take water from rivers and groundwater that has gone through the city's water treatment plant.

However, the snowpack in the nearby Cascade Range that feeds the aquifers varies wildly year to year and glaciers are melting. Most aquifers in north-central Oregon are declining, according to the U.S. Geological Survey Groundwater Resources Program. Adding to the unease: The 15,000 town residents don't know how much water the proposed data centers will use, because Google calls it a trade secret. Even the town councilors, who are scheduled to vote on the proposal Nov. 8, had to wait until this week to find out.

Dave Anderson, public works director for The Dalles, said Google obtained the rights to 3.9 million gallons of water per day when it purchased land formerly home to an aluminum smelter. Google is requesting less water for the new data centers than that amount and would transfer those rights to the city, Anderson said.

"The city comes out ahead," he said.

The U.S. hosts 30% of the world's data centers, more than any other country. Some data centers are trying to become more efficient in water consumption, for example by recycling the same water several times through a center before discharging it. Google even uses treated sewage water, instead of using drinking water as many data centers do, to cool its facility in Douglas County, Georgia.

Facebook's first data center took advantage of the cold high-desert air in Prineville, Oregon, to chill its servers.

But Dawn Rasmussen, who lives on the outskirts of The Dalles, worries that her town is making a mistake in negotiating with Google, likening it to David versus Goliath. She's seen the level of her well-water drop year after year and worries sooner or later there won't be enough for everyone.

"At the end of the day, if there's not enough water, who's going to win?" she asked.

## Fla. judge sends Trump's Twitter suit to Calif.

**By Curt Anderson**
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Former President Donald Trump's lawsuit to get his Twitter account restored must be heard in a California court, not a Florida one, under a user agreement covering everyone on the social media platform, a federal judge ruled.

U.S. District Judge Robert Scola in Miami rejected Trump's contention that because his Twitter account was suspended during his last days as president the California court requirement did not apply to him.

The requirement, known as a forum selection clause, was in force when Trump originally joined Twitter as a private citizen in 2009, Scola wrote in his order issued Wednesday.

"First, Trump's former status as the president of the United States does not preclude the application of the forum selection clause. Second, the forum selection clause is valid and mandatory," Scola wrote in a 13-page order.

The decision means Trump's lawsuit will be heard in a northern California federal court instead of in Miami. A similar lawsuit by Trump against YouTube has also been transferred from Florida to California, while yet another Trump lawsuit against Facebook remains in Miami for now.

Twitter banned Trump's account Jan. 8, two days after his supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol while Congress was certifying the victory of Democrat Joe Biden in the 2020 presidential election. More than 680 people have been charged with crimes stemming from that insurrection and a congressional committee is examining what led up to the riot.

Trump and other conservatives sued Twitter on July 7, claiming that the decision to suspend his account violates his First Amendment rights and amounts to an attempt to censor conservative voices under coercion from Democrats.

At the time, Trump's @realdonaldtrump account had more than 88 million followers on Twitter.

Twitter reports it has more than 200 million users subject to the same agreement and bound by the California legal forum for any lawsuit against the company.

## Chinese phone unit told to exit US market

Associated Press

BEIJING — U.S. regulators are expelling a unit of China Telecom Ltd., one of the country's three major state-owned carriers, from the American market as a national security threat amid rising tension with Beijing.

China Telecom (Americas) Corp. is required to stop providing domestic interstate and international service in the United States within 60 days, under an order approved Tuesday by the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC cited the danger that Beijing might use the company to eavesdrop or disrupt U.S. communications and "engage in espionage and other harmful activities against the United States.

The Biden administration has extended efforts begun under then-President Donald Trump to limit access to U.S. technology and markets for state-owned Chinese companies due to concern they were security risks or helping with military development. China Telecom is among companies that were expelled from U.S. stock exchanges under an order by Trump barring Americans from investing in them.

The FCC said in 2019 that due to security concerns it planned to revoke licenses granted two decades earlier to China Telecom and another state-owned carrier, China Unicom Ltd. It rejected a license application by the third carrier, China Mobile Ltd.

The company's conduct and communications to U.S. government agencies "demonstrate a lack of candor, trustworthiness and reliability," the FCC said.

The telecom companies are on a U.S. government blacklist of entities deemed by the Pentagon to be involved in military development. Others include state-owned oil companies, suppliers of processor chips and video technology and construction, aerospace, rocketry, shipbuilding and nuclear power equipment companies.

**BUSINESS BRIEFING**

## Worker on strike hit by car, killed

MILAN, Ill. — A car struck and killed a United Auto Workers member Wednesday as he was walking across a road to join a picket line of striking workers outside a John Deere distribution plant in northwest Illinois, the union and police said.

The man was struck at an intersection near a road that leads to the John Deere Parts Distribution Center in Milan, Illinois. The UAW leadership in Detroit said in a statement that the man who died was 56 and had worked at the plant for 15 years. He was a member of UAW Local 79 in Milan.

More than 10,000 Deere & Co. workers went on strike this month at 14 Deere factories in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Colorado and Georgia after the UAW rejected a contract offer.

## EU investigating Nvidia-Arm deal

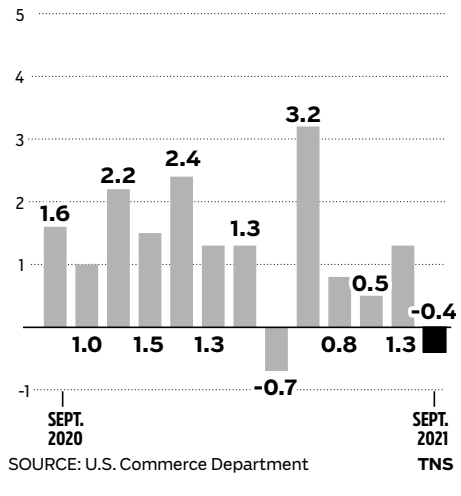
LONDON — European Union regulators opened an investigation Wednesday into graphics chipmaker Nvidia's $40 billion purchase of chip designer Arm over concerns it would limit competition, adding to global scrutiny of the deal.

The European Commission said it's concerned the combined company would have the ability to restrict access to technology from U.K-based Arm Ltd., whose chip designs power the vast majority of the world's smartphones.

Nvidia Corp., based in California, said last year that it was buying Arm from Japanese technology giant Softbank. The deal raised concerns that Arm would abandon its neutral business model of licensing its chip designs to hundreds of tech companies.

**Manufacturing orders**

*New orders of durable goods, monthly percent change, seasonally adjusted*

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# BUSINESS

A car with a hydrogen combustion engine is refueled July 31 during a race in Hita, Japan. Toyota is testing the engines with an eye on using the technology commercially. **TOYOTA**

## Toyota testing combustion engines powered by hydrogen

**By Yuri Kageyama**
Associated Press

TOKYO — Toyota said this week that it is testing hydrogen combustion engines in race cars as it works toward using the technology in commercial products.

Such engines burn hydrogen as fuel instead of gasoline, much like rockets. The Japanese automaker said that testing the technology in race cars will allow it to collect data and try to fix problems on-site.

Toyota Motor Corp. announced earlier that it was developing a hydrogen combustion engine, which Ford Motor Co. and other automakers have also developed. Vehicles powered by such engines are different from fuel cell vehicles that use hydrogen to create electricity, and from electric or hybrid vehicles.

"We want to propose multiple options to meet regional needs," Naoyuki Sakamoto, chief engineer of the hydrogen-powered engine Corolla model, said in an online news conference.

Sakamoto declined to say when the hydrogen combustion engine may become a commercial product, acknowledging further development is needed to address its so far limited driving range. Infrastructure for fueling such vehicles is another obstacle. Toyota has not released the range or mileage for the technology.

One advantage of hydrogen engines is that minimal adjustments are needed from regular internal combustion engines, except for the fuel piping and injection systems.

The use of hydrogen as fuel comes with some risk concerns, but hydrogen fueling stations are operating across Japan, with no major accidents so far.

Sakamoto said hydrogen is as safe as any other fuel on roads today, noting lithium-ion batteries used in EVs have caused fires, and hydrogen tanks are made of carbon fiber.

The latest hydrogen technology is being tested on a Yaris with a 1.6 liter engine for racing, according to Toyota.

Two hydrogen tanks fit in the back seat area of the racing car, although that is likely to change for commercial models.

Hydrogen may offer some advantages. Batteries for EVs require various minerals, while hydrogen is relatively plentiful and can be readily stored and transported.

Hydrogen can be created from water by electrolysis, often carried out in school chemistry experiments. Hydrogen can also be converted from solar energy for storage. But depending on how widespread such fuel may become, it could be a lot cheaper to fill up your car than with gasoline, whose prices fluctuate wildly. Toyota also said it was producing hydrogen at a geothermal power station in southern Japan.

But the hydrogen engine is not 100% zero emission, emitting a tiny bit of carbon dioxide from the engine oil.

## At 83, Indiana man still fixing foreign vehicles after 51 years

**By Carson Gerber**
Kokomo Tribune

Dick Bougher has spent over 51 years at his auto repair shop in Indiana. **KELLY LAFFERTY GERBER/THE KOKOMO TRIBUNE**

KOKOMO, Ind. — Dick Bougher remembers when the local Chrysler plants had large signs in the parking lots banning foreign cars from entering. He remembers when people would sometimes flip over a Volkswagen if they saw it parked downtown.

And that's right at the time when he decided to open a foreign-car repair shop in Kokomo.

Bougher opened the shop June 2, 1970, with his partner, Walter Balg, a native of Germany who once was held in a prisoner of war camp in the U.S. during World War II.

Fast forward to today, and the Indiana man is still fixing vehicles at Dick and Walt's Foreign Car Repair, located in a former filling station.

And after 51 years in business, he has no plans to stop.

"The ambulance will have to pull up in front here and pick me up," Bougher, 83, said.

These days, it's more likely to see a Toyota or Honda driving in Kokomo than a Chrysler.

The small, two-bay garage still has the old tire racks attached to the wall from when it was a gas station. Bougher still uses one of the same lifts he had installed 51 years ago, along with the machine he uses to clean and test spark plugs.

An old vending machine in the waiting area sells Coke in a glass bottle for 50 cents, but his longtime customers know where he hides the key and can get a free one anytime they want.

"Most of the people now aren't just customers," Bougher said. "They're friends. I know their kids and their backgrounds and if a daughter in-law had a baby."

Over the last half-century, Bougher has become a fixture in the local auto repair community known for his top-notch work, laid-back philosophy and never-met-a-stranger personality.

But when he opened the shop in 1970, foreign-car repair was still in its infancy and a potentially risky venture.

Bougher figured if anyone could pull it off, it was him and Balg.

After all, Balg was German and had experience working on Volkswagens, and Bougher learned how to fix the engines when he was stationed in Germany on an Air Force base that used Volkswagen trucks.

After that, they both ended up working at Kokomotors, the Volkswagens dealership in town that was the only foreign car company in Kokomo at the time. That's were the two met and became friends.

When workers there went on strike for weeks in an effort to unionize, Bougher and Balg decided to leave and start their own shop.

The two saw that a filling station was up for sale, so they moved in and opened up the shop.

Bougher said during the early days of the business, they serviced almost exclusively Volkswagens, since those were the only foreign cars in town.

It didn't take long for Hondas and Toyotas to start appearing on the roadways, and soon they were fixing those too.

Then came Nissans, BMWs, Mercedes and every other major foreign car brand.

Before long, the shop was humming with business.

In 1990, Balg retired from the shop, but Bougher wasn't ready to quit. He bought out his partner's share and kept the business going.

"I never did change the name," he said. "That just confuses people when you do stuff like that."

In all that time, Bougher never had any aspirations to expand or grow the business.

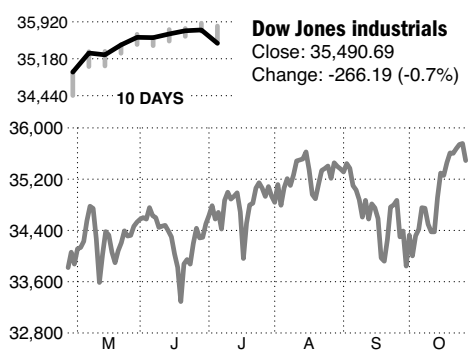
It made enough money to pay the bills, support his family and he liked it just the way it was.

"If you got twice the bays, you've got twice the headaches," he said. "It's about KISS: Keep it simple, stupid. The bigger you are, the more money you make. But how much money do you need? I gave up trying to be a millionaire years ago."

## MARKET RUNDOWN

Thursday, October 28, 2021

**DOW** 35,490.69 -266.19 | **10-YR T-BOND** 1.53% -.08 | **GOLD** $1,797.90 +5.20




**Dow Jones industrials**
Close: 35,490.69
Change: -266.19 (-0.7%)

### Domestic Indexes

| | CLOSE | CHG. | YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| DOW Indus. | 35,490.69 | -266.19 | +15.96% |
| DOW Trans. | 15,723.52 | -213.17 | +25.72% |
| DOW Util. | 914.81 | -6.96 | +5.80% |
| NYSE Comp. | 16,920.38 | -224.76 | +16.49% |
| Nasdaq Comp. | 15,235.84 | +.12 | +18.21% |
| S&P 500 | 4,551.68 | -23.11 | +21.18% |
| S&P 400 | 2,749.37 | -43.37 | +19.19% |
| Wilshire 5000 | 47,186.42 | -374.20 | +19.59% |
| Russell 2000 | 2,252.49 | -43.58 | +14.06% |

### Commodities

| FUELS | CLOSE | PREV. | YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crude Oil (bbl) | 82.66 | 84.65 | +70.36% |
| Natural Gas (mm btu) | 6.22 | 5.88 | +145.02% |
| Unleaded Gas (gal) | 2.45 | 2.52 | +72.05% |
| **METALS** | **CLOSE** | **PREV.** | **YTD** |
| Gold (oz) | 1,797.90 | 1,792.70 | -5.03% |
| Silver (oz) | 24.19 | 24.09 | -8.14% |

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

### Foreign Exchange

| | ForEx in U.S. $ | U.S. $ in ForEx |
|---|---|---|
| Britain | 1.3746 | .7275 |
| Canada | .8100 | 1.2345 |
| China | .1564 | 6.3927 |
| Euro | 1.1609 | .8614 |
| Japan | .008789 | 113.78 |
| Mexico | .049313 | 20.2786 |

### Money Rates

| | CLOSE | PREV. WK. |
|---|---|---|
| Prime rate | 3.25 | 3.25 |
| 3-mo. T-Bill | 0.06 | 0.05 |
| 6-mo. T-Bill | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| 5-yr T-Note | 1.20 | 1.17 |
| 10-yr T-Note | 1.61 | 1.63 |
| 30-yr T-Bond | 2.05 | 2.08 |

### Global Markets

| | CLOSE | CHG. | %CHG. | %YTD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frankfurt | 15,705.81 | -51.25 | -.33% | +14.48% |
| London | 7,253.27 | -24.35 | -.33% | +12.27% |
| Hong Kong | 25,628.74 | -409.53 | -1.57% | -5.88% |
| Nikkei | 29,098.24 | -7.77 | -.03% | +6.03% |

### Stocks of Local Interest

| STOCK (TICKER) | CLOSE | CHG. | YTD %CHG |
|---|---|---|---|
| AT&T Inc (T) | 25.06 | -.31 | -12.9 |
| Adv Micro Dev (AMD) | 122.28 | -.65 | +33.3 |
| AgriFORCE Gr Sys Ltd (AGRI) | 3.17 | +1.01 | -31.2 |
| Amphenol Corp (APH) | 75.77 | -2.99 | ... |
| Apple Inc (AAPL) | 148.85 | -.47 | +12.2 |
| Avangrid Inc (AGR) | 52.54 | +.16 | +15.6 |
| BIMI Intl Medical (BIMI) | .94 | -1.27 | -43.7 |
| Bakkt Holdings Inc (BKKT) | 29.40 | +5.62 | ... |
| Bank of America (BAC) | 47.04 | -.92 | +55.2 |
| Barnes Group (B) | 40.74 | -1.05 | -19.6 |
| Booking Holdings (BKNG) | 2428.09 | -14.94 | +9.0 |
| Brist Myr Sqb (BMY) | 56.49 | -1.75 | -8.9 |
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# OPINION



# Fewer people going to college is good

**By Justin Fox**
Bloomberg Opinion

UCLA Chancellor Gene Block welcomes students to the campus on the first day of classes Sept. 23. **MEL MELCON/LOS ANGELES TIMES**

During and after the recession of 2007 through 2009, college enrollment grew rapidly. That was partly just millennial-generation demographics: There were 3.5 million more 18- through 24-year-olds in the U.S. in 2010 than a decade earlier (and about 750,000 more than there are now). But the percentage of young Americans attending college and graduate school also hit an all-time high in 2011.

The brief-but-sharp 2020 recession and its aftermath are already shaping up a lot differently for college enrollment. Census Bureau data released last week shows a modest 0.7 percentage-point overall enrollment decline from the previous year as of October 2020 — albeit with an interesting divergence between men (down 1.5 points) and women (down 0.2).

Meanwhile, the word from colleges themselves is that the enrollment declines have continued in 2021, with two-year colleges seeing by far the biggest drop. Spring 2021 higher education enrollment was down by 603,000 students, or 3.5%, from the year before, according to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. Two-year colleges accounted for most of that with a decline of 476,000, or 9.5%, most of which was among 18- to 24-year-olds. Preliminary fall numbers show continued if slowing declines for two-year schools and a possibly bigger drop than earlier this year for four-year schools.

The declines also aren't evenly distributed among four-year colleges, with commuter schools reporting enrollment drops while the numbers grew at more elite schools. The Indiana University system, which has a flagship campus in Bloomington, an urban campus shared with Purdue University in Indianapolis and regional campuses in Gary, Kokomo, New Albany, Richmond and South Bend has some of the best and timeliest data (already updated through fall) on these diverging fortunes.

Indiana University also has enrollment statistics by age, and the breakdown for its regional campuses is intriguing.

Enrollment declines earlier in the decade were entirely among older students, and a big part of the explanation seems to have been that Indiana's unemployment rate fell from 9.1% in early 2011 to 3.1% at the end of 2019.

"At our campus and similar regional campuses, it looks like every one-percentage-point change in the unemployment rate leads to a 5% change in enrollment," IU Northwest economics professor Micah Pollak told me in 2019. Now the state unemployment rate is 4.1%, but for one group in particular — the group with by far the biggest enrollment decline this fall — the job picture is better than it has been in decades.

The unemployment rate for teenagers is the lowest it's been since the 1950s. Granted, the share of teenagers with jobs is also much lower than it was then (32.1% in September versus near 50% in the early 1950s), but unlike every other age group in the U.S., teens have already seen their employment-population ratio rate fully recover from pandemic declines.

Teenagers have much less reason to be fearful of COVID-19 than older workers, and also much less reason to be fed up with their pre-pandemic employment experiences given that most didn't have any. Meanwhile, employers struggling to lure back experienced workers are more willing than they've been in a long time to hire straight out of high school, sometimes offering $20-plus hourly wages and attractive benefits.

So ... is that good news or bad? It's obviously tough for those toiling in the less-glamorous precincts of higher education, who were already bracing for demographically driven enrollment declines in the latter half of the decade but are now getting hit with them five years early.

The picture is more mixed for would-be students. Two-year institutions tend to have higher percentages of students of color and from disadvantaged backgrounds than other colleges, so there's the risk that the enrollment declines will simply entrench existing inequities. There's also evidence that delaying college has in the past resulted in lower earnings over the long run.

This time around, though, lots of companies are offering to help pay for college as an enticement for would-be workers, which should make it easier for young adults to keep their options open. College tuition is also rising at a rate lower than overall inflation for the first time since the early 1980s, reducing the costs of delay. And if today's worker shortages help more employers figure out that being biased against hiring non-college graduates is costing them money, the economic cost of forgoing college could fall.

That's a big if, of course, but it's still important to remember why college enrollment rose so much a decade ago. The job market was historically awful, especially for young people. Unemployment rates for teenagers and 20- to 24-year-olds were the highest since the Bureau of Labor Statistics started keeping track in 1948 (for ages 25 through 54, unemployment rates were about the same as in the early-1980s recession). The unavailability of jobs may have pushed many young people into consuming too much college, especially considering the burden of college debt.

In the 2020 recession, unemployment broke records for all age groups but eased much more quickly. Young people on the fence between college and work now face far more attractive choices than they did in the early 2010s.

Choice is good, right?

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# Plan to fight climate change

**Jonah Goldberg**

World leaders are heading to Glasgow to come up with yet another plan to tackle climate change. Joe Biden had hoped to have a stack of climate-related legislative accomplishments to brag about. But they're being held up and threatened in the fight over the price tag of the "Build Back Better" reconciliation bill.

The stakes, we're told, couldn't be higher.

If Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin and the Republicans succeed in stripping just the proposed Clean Energy Performance Program alone it will "destroy the world," according to Gizmodo. Joe Biden doesn't go that far. But recently, at a CNN town hall, he repeated his oft-cited claim that climate change poses an "existential threat to humanity."

Such rhetoric isn't merely wrong — humanity can survive climate change — it's also counterproductive. The fight against climate change will be long and messy, and implying otherwise will make it longer and messier. For 30 years, activists and politicians have said before these periodic climate confabs that this is our "last chance" to act or to save the planet.

Normally, if you miss your last chance to do something, you stop trying. If you think climate change should be the moral equivalent of war, then you should manage expectations like a wartime leader does. You don't say, "We'll lose the war if we lose this one battle" — unless it's true.

You also don't refuse to use your most effective weapons, at least not in a fight for the survival of humanity, without a good reason. And in this case, the best weapon in our arsenal is nuclear power. As former NASA climatologist James Hansen and his colleagues have argued, there's "no credible path to climate stabilization that does not include a substantial role for nuclear power."

But to quote Greta Thunberg, the Joan of Arc of climate activism, the arguments against nuclear power boil down to it being "extremely dangerous, expensive" and "time-consuming."

Let's start with dangerous.

For reasons of human psychology, deep-seated fear of nuclear power is socially acceptable among those who claim to "follow the science." But just as the COVID-19 vaccines have saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of people, a few people — literally a few — have had bad reactions to the vaccine that may have contributed to their deaths. Whatever that number is — three? four? — that's more Americans than have died from nuclear power.

The Three Mile Island nuclear accident, the worst in U.S. history, caused no deaths or detectable incidents of cancer. The 2011 earthquake and tsunami that destroyed the Fukushima nuclear power plant was deadly, killing up to 18,000 people. But the number of radiation-related deaths or illnesses connected to the power plant meltdown have been in the low double digits. The first confirmed radiation-related death occurred in 2018. The United Nations reports that so far, the "most important health effect" hasn't been a spike in cancer but the damage to "mental and social well-being" caused by the earthquake and tsunami.

If you include all factors, including industrial accidents, air pollution, etc., nuclear power is arguably the world's safest form energy production.

Then there's the cost.

It's true: Building nuclear plants, whether with existing or new technology, is expensive. But once nuclear plants are built, the energy they produce is cheap. That's why Germany, which has been mothballing its nuclear plants in a largely failed decadelong experiment, has the most expensive electricity rates in the world. And Germany's carbon emissions are 10 times greater than those of France, which gets 70% of its electricity from nuclear power. Wherever nuclear plants have been closed, writes Ted Nordhaus, founder of the Breakthrough Institute, "clean electricity has been replaced with dirty power."

There's also something weird about politicians who scoff at cost concerns to fight climate change and then raise the cost of building nuclear plants as prohibitive, when they can provide carbon free electricity on a massive and reliable scale.

One reason it takes so long for nuclear plants to get built is that many of these politicians stand in the way of getting them built, by pandering to NIMBYism and supporting red tape. They're all in for "decarbonizing" transportation while opposing technology that will keep electricity affordable.

None of this is to say that nuclear power alone is a silver bullet, nor is it to deny that the question of how to deal with nuclear waste isn't a thorny one (especially after President Barack Obama rejected science in favor of politics to shut down the perfectly safe Yucca Mountain waste repository). Some old plants do need to be shut down, but they should be replaced with new, safer and less expensive ones.

But if Biden is serious about fighting climate change — and wants to show it — he should take nuclear power seriously.

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# COP26 a summit of slogans?

**By Therese Raphael**
Bloomberg Opinion

It's no wonder Boris Johnson is trying to manage expectations for the United Nations' COP26 climate summit in Glasgow. There are risks in hosting the most important global confab the world has seen in a long time. Key guests may cancel, complain or renege on their promises. Sudden events could intervene.

Johnson

And these are just some of the headaches facing the U.K. prime minister. The other challenges may be even more daunting. Still, this will be an important, even groundbreaking, couple of weeks.

A party this size requires a long, intense period of preparation. When France hosted COP21 in 2015, its point man was Laurent Fabius, a well-known figure who had served as both prime minister and foreign minister. The shuttle diplomacy and lobbying began years in advance. Alok Sharma, Britain's COP point man, only went full time as COP president in January, and there have been plenty of distractions since then, from COVID-19 to Brexit.

The recent leak of a government document about prioritizing economic growth over environmental protections didn't do the U.K.'s credibility many favors. Nor does it help that the U.K. has fallen out quite publicly with its biggest neighbor and guest, the European Union. Both have an overriding interest in tackling climate change.

But the EU faces challenges to its authority from members such as Poland and Hungary, so having an ex-member lead a breakthrough on the planet's most pressing issue may be awkward.

Then there are the factors that are outside of Johnson's control, like the COVID-19 recovery and the global energy crisis that has driven up demand for coal and other fossil fuels. Plus, the absence of China's Xi Jinping, leader of the world's biggest greenhouse emitter, and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

All of these hurdles will make it tough to corral negotiators and bring forward a deal.

The bar is also higher in Glasgow than it was in Paris. There, pledges were made; now governments will be measured by what they deliver. The International Energy Association has already warned that even if countries meet their current net-zero pledges on time, that would only cut 20% of the emissions necessary to be on track to reach net-zero by 2050.

But while it's easy to think COP will flop, I see two reasons for optimism in the fight against climate change.

The first is public awareness.

There is now an unprecedented acceptance of the dangers of climate change. In Britain, 95% of people think it is at least partly due to human activity. Of course, there's much less acceptance in segments of the U.S. In the U.K., climate deniers have morphed into the new foot-draggers — many are in Johnson's own party. Even so, the country's climate targets have wide bipartisan support.

The other reason for optimism is more fundamental: Climate goals fit with economic self-interest to a much greater degree than once thought. The argument that more stringent environmental policies would crowd out investment and hurt business left many governments wary of green regulation. Research hasn't born out those fears. Analysis by the OECD found that a 10% increase in energy prices decreases manufacturing employment by less than 1%; it found no net effect on trade and a slightly positive effect on productivity.

Last year, a group of leading academics, gathered by Cameron Hepburn, director of the Smith School of Enterprise and Environment at Oxford, analyzed hundreds of COVID-19 recovery policies and found that, overall, those that met climate goals created more jobs and had a better return on investment than those that didn't. Investments in renewable technologies and retrofitting buildings to make them more energy efficient outperformed giveaways such as airline bailouts in terms of economic impact and climate metrics.

Sometimes summitry proves empty. Leaders of the G-7 countries looked united when they met in Cornwall in June. Weeks later, Joe Biden pulled the plug on Afghanistan, leaving America's allies wrong-footed; and Britain, the U.S. and Australia cut France out of a deal to supply Australia with nuclear submarines.

And yet nitty-gritty collaboration behind the scenes can produce real breakthroughs. We saw that with the recent landmark international agreement on corporate taxation.

Ultimately, what we learn from previous COP failures and successes is that leadership matters. Success requires a host with clout, credibility and commitment, but also the support of the world's major powers.

Hosting COP26 has forced Britain to up its game on climate change, which can only be a good thing. But whatever Boris Johnson does in Glasgow, it's the power of public opinion, the force of major global leaders and the persuasive power of self-interest that will determine this conference's legacy.

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Notice is hereby given that the locations of the polling places are as follows:

District 1 – Mansfield Community Center, 10 South Eagleville Road
District 2 – Mansfield Fire Department Station 107 (Eagleville), 889 Stafford Road
District 3 – Buchanan Auditorium, Mansfield Library, 54 Warrenville Road
District 4 – Annie Vinton School, 306 Stafford Road

Paper ballots will be used. The polls will open at 6:00 a.m. in the morning and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. in the evening. Absentee ballots will be counted at the following central location: Audrey P. Beck Building, 4 South Eagleville Road in Mansfield, Connecticut. Election Day Registration will take also take place in the Audrey P. Beck Building.

Dated at Mansfield, this 26th day of October 2021.

Sara-Ann Chaine
Town Clerk
10/28/21 7073117

**SEALED BID NOTICE**

Sealed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for supplying the following will be received by the City Purchasing Agent, 27 West Main St., New Britain, Connecticut until the time and date below and read in public. Request for Qualifications Documents can be downloaded from the City's website at http://newbritainct.gov/bids and for review only at the Office of the City Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Room 401, 27 West Main Street, New Britain, CT.

City Wide Communications Upgrades RFQ No. 4076

The scope of work for the selected Consulting Engineering firm will include engineering design and preparation of construction plans, specifications, and construction estimate for the Citywide Communications Upgrade, Phase I.

There is no Pre-RFQ Meeting for this project.

Date of the RFQ Submittal and Opening: November 19, 2021 at 11:00 AM, at City Hall, Room 401, 27 West Main Street, New Britain, CT.

Jack Pieper
Purchasing Agent
10/28/2021 7073009

Steve Dale's
PET WORLD
Sundays in Smarter Living

Proposals for: Building Improvements, at the Bristol Child Care Center at 254 Lake Avenue Bristol Connecticut, 06010 will be accepted until 10:00 am on November 15, 2021 at the office of HRA of New Britain Inc. 180 Clinton Street, New Britain Connecticut 06053. Proposals will be opened and read November 15, 2021 at 1:00 pm. All potential bidders must submit an intent to bid including contact information via email to edwrdlvy@sbcglobal.net prior to the mandatory walk-through scheduled November 8, 2021 at 10:00 am. Bidders that attended the previous walk-through are not required to attend the November 8, 2021 walk-through,.
Proposals are to be in accordance with documents that include:
· General Conditions Construction Projects in Connecticut by HRA of New Britain Inc. dated September 16, 2021
· Request for Proposal and Specifications Building Improvements Bristol Child Care Center dated September 16, 2021.
· Plans titled Renovation to 254 Lake Avenue Bristol Connecticut, Marc Petrin AIA accepted by HRA on September 16, 2021.
Copy and paste the following link bit.ly/2XliNYL to access bid documents via Dropbox.com
Proposals are to be mailed or hand delivered to HRA of New Britain Inc. at the address above.
HRA of New Britain Inc. is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Minority business enterprises, women business enterprises are encouraged to apply.
HRA of New Britain Inc. reserves the right to waive any informality, to reject any or all proposals or any part of any proposals when it is determined to be in their best interest. HRA of New Britain Inc. will not be responsible for any cost involved in the preparation of the quotation.
Questions may be directed to Mr. Edward Leavy at edwrdlvy@sbcglobal.net
10/28, 10/29, 10/30, 10/31, 11/01/21 7073948

**Notice of Adoption**

Bridget Murphy, whose last known address was 77 Harold Road Farmington, CT 06451, and whose current place of residence and whereabouts cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained, will take notice that Karyn Joy Rivera, stepmother, filed her Petition for Adoption of Peter Rivera (Jr.), File No. 21SP494 in the Clerk of Superior Court, Wake County, North Carolina, praying that she be permitted by order of the court, to adopt, as her own child, Peter Rivera (Jr.), an adult male born in April of 1992 at Yonkers, New York, and that the name of the adult child remain Peter Rivera (Jr.), alleging among other things in said Petition that Peter Rivera Sr., the natural father, has agreed to and permitted the filing of the Adoption Petition.
You must file a response to the Petition for Adoption within forty days after proof of service of notice of the filing of the petition in order to participate in and to receive further notice of the proceeding, including notice of the time and place of any hearing.
The Petition will be heard for determination in the Wake County General Court of Justice, Raleigh, North Carolina at a future date to be determined by the Clerk of Superior Court.
10/21, 10/28, 11/04/21 7067413

**Car Reviews**
Saturdays in
MOTORING

**Town of Berlin**
**Request for Proposals**
**Health Benefits Consultant**
**Bid # 2022-07**

The Town of Berlin is inviting qualified Health Benefit Consultants to submit proposals. It is the intent of the RFP to identify the party most likely to successfully represent the Town and Board of Education in its desire to minimize rate increases for all insurances, analyze current plans and recommend future plans. The selected Health Benefits Consultant shall identify the base cost of services as provided under the Scope of Services.
One (1) original and two (2) copies of sealed proposals must be received in the Town Manager's Office of the Berlin Town Hall, 240 Kensington Rd, Berlin, CT 06037 by 11:30am November 22, 2021. The Town will not accept submissions by e-mail or fax. The Town will reject proposals received after the date and time noted above.
The documents comprising the Request for Proposals may be obtained on the Town's website, www.berlinct.gov, under "Departments, Purchasing and Current Bids and RFPs," or from Maryssa Tsolis, Purchasing Agent, Berlin Town Hall, Room 110, 240 Kensington Rd, Berlin, CT 06037 during normal business hours. Each proposer is responsible for checking the Town's website to determine if the Town has issued any addenda and, if so, to complete its proposal in accordance with the RFP as modified by the addenda.
The Town reserves the right to amend or terminate this Request for Proposals, accept all or any part of a proposal, reject all proposals, waive any informalities or non-material deficiencies in a proposal, and award the proposal to the proposer that, in the Town's judgment, will be in the Town's best interests.
Maryssa Tsolis
Purchasing Agent
10/28/2021 7073742

**Legal Notice – Town of Windsor, CT**
**SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES HELD ON APRIL 17, 2021**
**NOTICE SUBSEQUENT TO END OF REDEMPTION PERIOD**
**Conn. General Statute 12-157 (1949 rev., s.1838; PA 82-141, s. 3,4; PA 84-146, s. 9; PA 95-228; PA 97-139; PA 13-276**

Tax Collector of the Town of Windsor, Connecticut: Having made lawful demand for the payment of taxes and other charges due me as the Tax Collector of the Town of Windsor, and payment having been neglected and refused, I SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION the following described properties, separately, to satisfy taxes, interest and all charges accrued thereon.

SAID SALE took place in the Roger Ludlow Room and Council Chambers, 275 Broad St, Windsor, Connecticut, on Saturday, April 17, 2021 beginning on or about 10:00 a.m.

THE REDEMPTION PERIOD FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES EXPIRED ON OCTOBER 18, 2021. THE DELINQUENT TAXPAYER, AND ALL MORTGAGEES, LIENHOLDERS AND OTHER RECORD ENCUMBRANCERS WHO RECEIVED ACTUAL OR CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE OF SUCH SALE AS PROVIDED BY LAW, HAVE HAD THEIR RESPECTIVE TITLES, MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER ENCUMBRANCES IN SUCH PROPERTY EXTINGUISHED. DEEDS WERE FILED ON OCTOBER 19, 2021. Additional information may be found in section 12-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Properties were sold as follows:

1. (#4) Property assessed from October 1, 2017 through October 1, 2019 presently in the name of Thafs Woodland Development LLC and formerly in the name of Julia M. Holmes: REDEEMED

2. (#9) Property assessed from October 1, 2016 through October 1, 2019 presently in the name of Robert N. Rydingsward, to satisfy taxes, interest and other charges of $17,755.68. Property described as 110 Belmont Ave, Parcel ID #05044.00, and more fully described in the Windsor Land Records Vol. 1586, pg. 826. Purchase Price: $91,000.00. Successful bidder: Robert Bowmar, 7 Winthrop Rd, Windsor, CT 06095.

3. (#11) Property assessed from October 1, 2016 through October 1, 2019 presently in the name of Anthony Strychard, to satisfy taxes, interest and other charges of $23,299.21. Property described as 15 Rood Ave, Parcel ID #02281.00, and more fully described in the Windsor Land Records Vol. 1690, pg. 559. Purchase Price: $85,000.00. Successful bidder: Larry Visco, 27 Bay Rd, East Hampton, CT 06424.

4. (#14) Property assessed from October 1, 2016 through October 1, 2019 presently in the name of Riley Williams, to satisfy taxes, interest and other charges of $7,188.80. Property described as 57 Pond Rd, Parcel ID #06339.00, and more fully described in the Windsor Land Records Vol. 208, pg. 562. Purchase Price: $17,000.00. Successful bidder: Bilal Musid, 514 Poquonock Ave, Windsor, CT 06095

The Town of Windsor did not bid on any properties at this tax sale. All properties on which the sale was adjourned will each be re-noticed in entirety, and offered for sale at a subsequent time, unless the taxes on those properties are paid in the interim.

Dated at Windsor, Connecticut, this 28th day of October 2021.

Cathleen U. Elliot, CCMC, Tax Collector
10/28/21 7067931

**NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DECISION INTENT TO MODIFY A STATE PERMIT**
**FOR THE FOLLOWING DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

TENTATIVE DECISION

The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection ("the Commissioner") hereby gives notice of a tentative decision to modify a permit based on an application submitted by Connecticut Galvanizing, Div. of Highway Safety Corp ("the applicant") under section 22a-430 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("CGS") for a permit to discharge into the waters of the state.

In accordance with applicable federal and state law, the Commissioner has made a tentative decision that continuance of the existing system to treat the discharge would protect the waters of the state from pollution.

The Commissioner proposes to modify a permit for the discharge to the sanitary sewer.

The proposed permit, if issued by the Commissioner, will require that all wastewaters be treated to meet the applicable effluent limitations and periodic monitoring to demonstrate that the discharge will not cause pollution.

APPLICANT'S PROPOSAL

Connecticut Galvanizing, Div. of Highway Safety Corp. is currently authorized to discharge a maximum of 120,000 gallons per day of treated stormwater runoff, media filter backwash and electrocoagulation cell wash water, and treatment system maintenance wastewaters to the Glastonbury Water Pollution Control Facility from outdoor operations at a galvanizing facility, and proposes to modify the permit to include the treatment of groundwater from site remediation activities; there is no change in permitted discharge flow associated with this permit modification.

The name and mailing address of the permit applicant are:
Connecticut Galvanizing, Div. of Highway Safety Corp.
239 Commerce Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

The proposed activity will take place at:
239 Commerce Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033

REGULATORY CONDITIONS

Type of Treatment

DSN 201-1: Electrocoagulation, pH adjustment, conductivity adjustment, settling and media filtration

Effluent Limitations

This permit contains effluent limitations consistent with a Case by Case Determination using the criteria of Best Professional Judgement and Code of Ordinances for the Town of Glastonbury, and will protect the waters of the state from pollution when all of the conditions of this permit have been met.

In accordance with section 22a-430-4(l) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies ("RCSA"), the permit contains effluent limitations for heavy metals, volatile organic compounds, base/neutral organic compounds, priority pollutants, conventional pollutants, and pH.

Compliance Schedule

The permit's existing compliance schedule was evaluated during the technical review of the application for permit modification. The evaluation found that the applicant completed timely actions as required by the schedule and each action is being reviewed by DEEP staff for the Commissioner's written approval. As such, no changes were made to the compliance schedule during the issuance of this permit modification.

COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY

The Commissioner is authorized to approve or deny such permits pursuant to section 22a-430 of the CGS and the Water Discharge Permit Regulations (section 22a-430-3 and 4 of the RCSA).

INFORMATION REQUESTS

The application has been assigned the following numbers by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Please use these numbers when corresponding with this office regarding this application.

APPLICATION NO. 202078989
PERMIT ID NO. SP0002477

Interested persons may obtain copies of the application from
John Roy, Vice President
Connecticut Galvanizing, Div. of Highway Safety Corp.
239 Commerce Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033
860-659-4330

The application is available for inspection by contacting Jeremiah Sturges at jeremiah.sturges@ct.gov at the Water Permitting and Enforcement Division, Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, from 8:30 - 4:30, Monday through Friday.

Any interested person may request in writing that his or her name be put on a mailing list to receive notice of intent to issue any permit to discharge to the surface waters of the state. Such request may be for the entire state or any geographic area of the state and shall clearly state in writing the name and mailing address of the interested person and the area for which notices are requested.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Prior to making a final decision to approve or deny any application, the Commissioner shall consider written comments on the application from interested persons that are received within thirty (30) days of this public notice. Written comments should be emailed to Jeremiah Sturges at Jeremiah.sturges@ct.gov. The Commissioner may hold a public hearing prior to approving or denying an application if in the Commissioner's discretion the public interest will be best served thereby, and shall hold a hearing upon receipt of a petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) persons. Notice of any public hearing shall be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing.

Petitions for a hearing shall be submitted within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this public notice and should include the application number noted above and also identify a contact person to receive notifications. Petitions should also identify a person who is authorized to engage in discussions regarding the application and, if resolution is reached, withdraw the petition. In order to facilitate the filing of requests for hearing during the COVID-19 emergency and consistent with the Department's Temporary Directive, the Office of Adjudications will accept electronically-filed petitions in addition to petitions submitted by mail. Petitions with required signatures may be filed by email to deep.adjudications@ct.gov or mailed to the DEEP Office of Adjudications, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Within thirty (30) days of filing the petition, original petitions that were filed electronically must be also be mailed to the Office at the above-noted address. If the original petition exists only in electronic format or signatures were produced using a computer or typewriter, the petition must be submitted with a statement bearing the wet-ink signature of the petitioner that the petition is only available in that format and has been submitted to satisfy the requirement that an original petition be filed. If a hearing is held, timely notice of such hearing will be published in a newspaper of general circulation and posted on the DEEP website at www.ct.gov/deep. Additional information at www.ct.gov/deep/adjudications.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact Jeremiah Sturges at Jeremiah.sturges@ct.gov if you are seeking a communication aid or service, have limited proficiency in English, or require some other accommodation. If you wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint, you may submit your complaint via email at deep.accommodations@ct.gov or via phone at (860) 418-5910. In order to facilitate efforts to provide an accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as possible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program or event.

Oswald Inglese, Jr. Director
Water Permitting and Enforcement Division
Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance Dated: October 21, 2021
7074396 10/28/2021

## Liquor Notices

**LIQUOR PERMIT**
**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

This is to give notice that I, **FELIX J ACOSTA, 137 BROOK ST APT 1, HARTFORD, CT 06120-2501.** Have filed an application placarded **10/26/2021** with the Department of Consumer Protection for a **GROCERY BEER PERMIT** for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at **760 PARK ST HARTFORD CT 06106-2329**. The business will be owned by ACOSTA GROCERY LLC. Entertainment will consist of: Objections must be filed by: 12-07-2021.

**10/26/2021**
**FELIX J ACOSTA**

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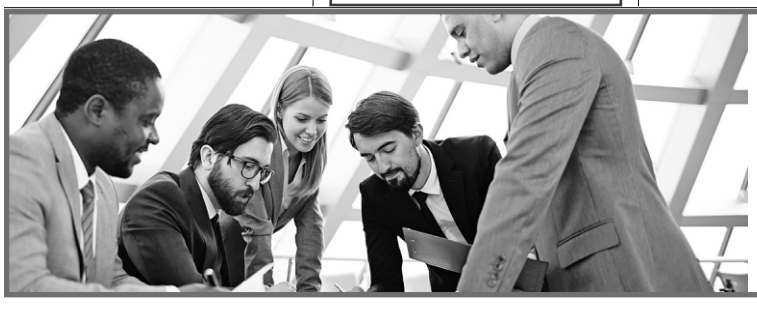

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Rose F. Scheer
Julian Urbanski
**BRISTOL**
Roxanne J. Zarrella
**CHESHIRE**
Helen M. Richardson
**COLCHESTER**
Jacob P. Chapman
**CROMWELL**
Richard W. Bishop*
**EAST HAMPTON**
Atilda T. Havey
Rose F. Scheer
**EAST HARTFORD**
Lorraine B. Frechette
Atilda T. Havey
Carol A. Mcguire-Goupil
Anna S. Robillard*
**FARMINGTON**
Roxanne J. Zarrella
**GLASTONBURY**
Kevin O. Gill
**GREENWICH**
Daniel W. Crowley
**HARTFORD**
Sharon Coarts
Bonnie Degray
Atilda T. Havey
Carol A. Mcguire-Goupil
Minnie L. Murrell
Cheryl A. Ortique
Mark A. Otis
Dorothy D. Vaught
William A. Vaught, Jr.
Roxanne J. Zarrella
**KENSINGTON**
Richard W. Bishop*
**MANCHESTER**
Kathleen Maurer
Carol A. Mcguire-Goupil
Victor W. Tuley
**MERIDEN**
Rose F. Scheer
**NEW BRITAIN**
Richard W. Bishop*
Rose F. Scheer
**NEWINGTON**
Catherine P. Mccaw
Priscilla R. E. Wallace
**PLAINVILLE**
Roxanne J. Zarrella
**ROCKY HILL**
Julian Urbanski
**SIMSBURY**
Daniel W. Crowley
**SOUTH GLASTONBURY**
Carol A. Mcguire-Goupil
**SOUTH WINDSOR**
Lorraine B. Frechette
Rose F. Scheer
**SOUTHINGTON**
Gail H. Scott*
**STAFFORD SPRINGS**
Steven J. Kominski
**STORRS**
Emory H. Braswell
**SUFFIELD**
James Caramazza
**VERNON**
Victor W. Tuley
**WEST HARTFORD**
Janice Felson
Judith R. Greene
Kathleen Maurer
**WEST SUFFIELD**
James Caramazza


*** Denotes name listing only.**
**Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.**

## OBITUARIES

### Braswell, Emory H.

Emory H. Braswell of Storrs, CT passed away at the age of 89 on September 27, 2021. At the time of his death he was undergoing heart valve replacement surgery at Hartford Hospital.
Emory was born January 22, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY to Harold Braswell and Myrtle Edenfield Braswell. His family split their time between Georgia and Brooklyn—but he much preferred Brooklyn. From an early age, all things technical and scientific intrigued him; he spent much of his allowance on radio kits, diodes, and early electronics—and nearly blew a hole in the kitchen table with his chemistry set.
So it was no surprise that he wound up at Brooklyn Technical High School and then attended Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute for a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1952. He received his master's in chemistry from Brooklyn Tech as well in 1955 and a doctorate in physical chemistry from New York University in 1961. Along with all this, he was a lecturer at Hunter College and a general chemist at General Foods, where he was part of a team that developed instant Jell-O.
He came to the University of Connecticut in 1962 after a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Birmingham, England under the U. S. National Institutes of Health. He became a full professor at UConn in 1987 and served as the Biophysics Program Director, Dept. of Molecular and Cellular Biology until his retirement in 2002, as well as director of the National Analytical Ultracentrifuge Laboratory.
Over a lifetime of research, he has studied the development of Dextran into a substitute for blood plasma and worked on the structure of the blood anticoagulant heparin. He was proud to have helped develop one of the first drugs to treat MS.
Even after retirement he didn't stop learning, becoming an amateur astronomer and photo astronomer.
Emory loved to ski, to talk and to lecture. His curiosity was as endless as his hobbies: he raised bees and geese, imported glassware from England, was an early adopter of computer technology, built his own telescopes, and hunted.
He loved opera, hated the term "organic" as it now often applies to fruit and vegetables and never gave up the argument.
He leaves his wife of 50 years, Frima Botnick Braswell, their daughters Elizabeth and Sabrina and his son Geoffrey with his first wife Rita Collins Braswell. He also leaves 5 grandchildren and two sisters, Carol and June.
There will be a memorial service in early Spring. For and online memorial guestbook please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com

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### Crowley, Daniel W.

Daniel W. Crowley, a former top salesman for Northwestern Mutual Insurance, survivor of the Battles of Bataan and Corregidor, and prisoner of war of Imperial Japan, passed away peacefully of natural causes on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at his home in Simsbury, Connecticut. He was 99.
A public celebration of life will be held at 2PM on Friday, November 12, 2021, at the Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center, 22 Iron Horse Blvd., Simsbury, CT 06070. Memorial donations should be made in Sgt. Crowley's name to the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Memorial Society; checks made out to "ADBCMS" may be sent to Society Treasurer, Ms. Judy Pruitt, 23 Elwell Road, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, or at https://www.adbcmemorialsociety.org/Memorial-Donations.
The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is entrusted with the family's arrangements. For Mr. Crowley's full obituary, to receive directions to the venue, or to share a memory or condolence message with his family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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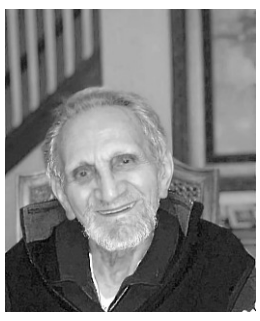
### Caramazza, James



James J. Caramazza, 96, of West Suffield, CT, beloved husband of Bernice ``Bunny" (Soden) Caramazza passed away on Sunday, October 24, 2021. James was born August 30, 1925 in Enfield, CT. The son of the late Joseph and Phillipa (Castella) Caramazza. He was the youngest of their nine children. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the US Army where he proudly served in the Infantry. He was deployed to the Philippine Islands during World War II. Jim was a man of many interests and talents including art, music, singing and working with his hands. After returning from the war he was employed by a local builder, where he learned the trade of carpentry. Together with his wife, he built their first home in Agawam, MA. His deep love and appreciation of art led him to the printing industry. He became a lithographer for a small printing shop specializing in fine art reproductions where he was employed as the printing forman for most of his working life. Jim loved music, dancing and singing. A man of deep faith, he served as a member of the choir at Saint John's the Evangelist Church in Agawam and Sacred Heart Parish in Suffield, for 40+ years. Besides Bunny, his wife of 72 years, he is survived by his two daughters, Barbara Caramazza of West Suffield and Lynne Manning and her husband Peter of West Suffield; two grandchildren, Katie Keith-Hunter and her husband Eoin of East Hampton, MA , and Carly Renaud of North Wales, PA. as well as a great granddaughter, Jessica Renaud, of North Wales , PA. He was predeceased by his eight siblings, Camela LaFountain, Josephine Grimaldi, Theresa Caramazza, Joseph Caramazza, Sam Caramazza, Charlie Caramazza, Rose Adams and Marie Swider. His family will receive friends on Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 1-4 PM at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home, 443 East St. N. (Rt. 159), Suffield. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, November 1, at 12:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church, 446 Mountain Rd., Suffield. Burial with military honors will be in Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam, MA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Little Sister of the Poor, 1365 Enfield St., Enfield, CT 06082. To leave on-line condolences please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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### Chapman, Jacob P.

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Jacob Philip Chapman. Jake lost his life in a tragic car accident on Friday, October 22, 2021. He was 18 years old. Jake was born on April 1, 2003 in Manchester. He was the son of D.Travis and Hilary (Jones) Chapman of Colchester. Jake lived life to the fullest. He valued his family and friends and brought a smile to everyone he met. He particularly enjoyed fishing with friends, playing lacrosse, and his annual trips to Cape Cod with his cousins. Growing up in Colchester, Jake had a great talent and affinity for Lacrosse. He started with Colchester Youth Lacrosse and went on to play with the Bacon Academy Lacrosse team, graduating with the class of 2021. Currently, Jake was attending Western CT State University as a freshman and was also a member of the Lacrosse team there. Those left to treasure his memory are his parents Travis and Hilary Chapman, his beloved sister Aviana, his grandparents Bruce and Cindy Jones, Aunt Jen (Jon) Bronzi, Uncle Reese (Kim) Jones, Uncle Ben Jones, Aunt Jane (Skip) Thomas, Aunt Susan Chapman, Uncle Jimmy Chapman, numerous cousins and special family friend "Grampa" Phil Grasso. Jake was predeceased by his grandparents Raymond and Joan Chapman. A lovable and caring son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin, and friend, Jake brought much joy into our lives and will be cherished forever. Even though our hearts are broken, we take solace in the fact that we were able to share his life for 18 years. You left us way too soon, you fine young man, but we gladly embrace the time we got. A celebration of Jake's life with visitation calling hours will be held on Monday, November 1st from 3-7 pm at the Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home, 167 Old Hartford Rd., Colchester. All other services will be held privately. The family requests that donations to honor Jake's memory be made to benefit other youth to enjoy Lacrosse as he did. Colchester Youth Lacrosse, PO Box 355, Colchester 06415 http://www.colchesterlax.org or Bacon Academy Boys Lacrosse Team c/o Bacon Academy Athletics, 611 Norwich Ave. Colchester 06415. For online condolences, please visit www.auroramccarthyfuneralhome.com

Aurora McCarthy Funeral Home, Inc.

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### Coarts, Sharon Fraser

Sharon Fraser Coarts, 78, of Hartford, CT departed this life to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 10, 2021. Sharon was born September 28, 1943 in Hartford, CT to the late John Fraser and the late Margaret (Pressey) Fraser.
A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 2:00PM at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services) 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

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### Gill, Kevin Orin "Gimpy"

Kevin Orin "Gimpy" Gill, 54, of Glastonbury, died unexpectedly on Monday, October 25, 2021. Born August 6, 1967 in Hartford, he was the youngest son of the late Thomas and Ann-Barbara (Hacker) Gill, and he lived in the Hartford County area most of his life. Prior to his death, he worked for large retail companies. He is survived by his four children, Ethan M. Gill, Emily K. Gill, Walker A. Gill, and Shawn P. Gill; two brothers, Thomas F. Gill and Eric W. Gill, and his sister, Lisa Marie Gill. Funeral services and burial are private. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to Habitat for Humanity.

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### DeGray, Bonnie (Peters)

Bonnie (Peters) DeGray, 80, of Hartford, beloved wife to the late Stuart DeGray, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at Hartford Hospital with her family by her side. Bonnie was born in Waterville, ME on March 18, 1941, daughter to William D. and Eudora (Brewer) Peters.
Bonnie grew up in Waterville, Maine, then moved to Middletown, CT. She met and was married to Stuart for 21 years before his death. She was employed with Electrical Wholesalers as a telephone operator for many years before her retirement. Bonnie enjoyed crafting, knitting and reading a good book. Most of all, Bonnie looked forward to spending time with her family and friends.
Bonnie is survived by her daughter, Lucinda Degray-Rose and her significant other George Reed of Feeding Hills, MA; her son William L. DeGray of Middletown, CT; her grandson Samuel Rose of Feeding Hills, MA; her brother-in-law Bruce Lavery of NY; her niece Heather Hayes and her husband Kevin of NY and their children, as well as her nephew Matthew Lavery and his fiancée Heather Tassler, also of NY. Bonnie was predeceased by her husband, parents and her sister, Johan Lavery.
A time of visitation will be held on Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 1-3 p.m. at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Burial will take place in Windsor Veterans Memorial Cemetery privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Tunnels to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10306. To leave an online message of condolence for her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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### Felson, Janice (Lieberman)

Janice (Lieberman) Felson, widow of Charles, died Monday, Oct. 25 in Scarborough, Maine. She lived for more than 40 years in West Hartford before retiring to VT and later Maine. She loved music, travel, food, fashion, crossword puzzles, reading, and entertaining. She taught piano to generations of youngsters. She leaves three sons, Matthew (Rhonda), Adam, and Ethan (Daniel), a daughter-in-law Victoria, and four grandchildren, Rachel, Zack, Hannah, and Seth. She was predeceased by a son, Seth. A graveside service will be held at Fairview Cem. in WH on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 1.

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### Frechette, Lorraine B

Lorraine B Frechette, 94, of East Hartford passed away Friday, October 22, 2021 at Touch Points Rehabilitation Center in Bloomfield. She was born March 13, 1927 in Sanford, Maine.

Lorraine spent her childhood years in the Sanford area and worked in various textile mills. She met her husband dancing at the Portland Armory. After a short courtship, they married and in 1954 moved to the Hartford area where she was employed by Aetna for 35 years. She retired in 1992 only to start working at Central Auto and Transport for another 20 years, finally retiring for good at age 89.

She was a woman of many talents; seamstress, upholstering, ceramics and accounting. Some of her favorite pastimes were tennis, golf, ballroom dancing, senior bingo and most of all, days at East Matunick Beach with her family.

She was a member of the Manchester VFW Post #2046, a communicant of St. Edmund Campion Parish. She was a hard worker and always getting involved in various activities at Aetna, VFW, Tennis clubs and Cub Scouts. In her later years she took comfort in music by Barry Manilow, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ralph in 1999 and son, Steven in 2014. She leaves her sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Helen Frechette and John and Nancy Wall, 7 Grandchildren, 8 Great-Grandchildren and 1 great, great grandson.

Family and friends may gather for a memorial service, Saturday, October 20th, 2:00 P.M. at Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road, South Windsor, CT Burial will be private.

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### Havey, Atilda T (Prete)

Atilda Theresa Prete Havey, of East Hampton, CT, peacefully entered eternal rest on October 20, 2021 at age 86 at Hartford Hospital. She was born on November 11, 1934 to the late Joseph Prete and Elizabeth Giordano Prete in Hartford, CT.
Atilda was raised in Hartford but spent most of her life in East Hartford and East Hampton, CT. She worked as a payroll clerk for Capewell/Stanadyne Manufacturing in Hartford for 20 years and Riverside Healthcare in East Hartford for the remaining 12 years of her career.
Outside of work, she enjoyed reading, watching TV, spending Sundays and holidays with her large Italian family. She also loved to travel. One of her most memorable trips was to Italy with her three sisters and son, Tommy. She enjoyed her yearly cruise ship tours with her best friend, Alice Booth.
Atilda was predeceased by her parents, Joseph Prete and Elizabeth Giordano Prete; her siblings Augustine Prete, Janet Prete Spicer, Thomas Prete, Josephine Prete Boutillier; her sons Thomas and Lawrence Havey; and former husband and longtime friend, Samuel Havey.
Atilda is survived by her sister Rosemary Prete Maglieri of Berlin, CT; daughter Louise Havey Holden and her fiancé Anthony Plourde of Enfield, CT; grandsons Michael Holden and his wife Antoinette Remillard-Holden of Manchester, CT, and William Holden, Jr. of Enfield, CT; great-grandchildren Jillian Holden, Giana Holden, Michael Holden, and Justin Koch; many cousins, nieces, and nephews from Nevada, Colorado, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia, and Connecticut; and her loyal dog, Bijou.
Per her wishes, Atilda will be honored in a celebration of life that will be held at a later date determined by the family.

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## Greene, Judith "Judy" R.

JUDITH R. GREENE, age 76, of West Hartford passed away on Sunday, October 24, 2021. Judy is survived by her husband of 55 wonderful years Carey H. Greene. Judy is also survived by her son Robert Greene and Darlene Freda of Canton MA, as well as by her daughter Sandra and son in law Jack LaBranch of West Hartford; Grandson Scott LaBranch and granddaughter Jessica LaBranch were loved by their Nana and provided her with a special love. Judy was predeceased by her father Carl A. Johnson, her mother Ruth E. Johnson and her brother Robert C. Johnson. Born in Hartford, Judy lived in West Hartford most of her life and was employed by the Town of West Hartford for nearly a half century in Information Technology services.

Judy passed away the way she lived her life, with complete selflessness. She gave her family the gift of lots of laughs and love in her final weeks.

A private burial will be held at the Fairview Cemetery in West Hartford with The Rev. Dr. Robert Knebel of the West Hartford United Methodist Church as officiant. Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, West Hartford is in charge of arrangements.
The family will greet Judy's extended family and friends at an open house celebrating Judy's life, Sunday October 31,2021 from noon to 3:00PM at the Rockledge Grille and Country Club, 289 South Main Street West Hartford.

Judy enjoyed family vacations, prepared wonderful family meals with a special knack for baking. She spent many enjoyable hours, in all kinds of weather at athletic fields watching Scott and Jessica play. Judy asked that in lieu of flowers, if you so wish, to make a donation to one of the following organizations that promote happy and healthy environments for children: Friends of Chieftain Baseball c/o 225 Westpoint Terrace, West Hartford, CT 06107, Conard Field Hockey, c/o Conard Athletics, 110 Beechwood Road, West Hartford, CT 06107, or YMCA Camp Woodstock, 42 Camp Road, Woodstock Valley CT. 06282. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

Judy was loyal, loving and the most dedicated wife, mom and Nana.

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## Kominski, Steven J.

Steven J. Kominski, Sr., 74, of Stafford Springs, CT, passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at home. He was born in Springfield, MA, son of the late Rueben and Beulah (Peck) Kominski. Steven worked at Warren Woolen Company for many years in maintenance. He is survived by his two sons, Steven J. Kominski, Jr., and Scott Kominski and his wife Melinda; five grandchildren, Scott Kominski, Jr., Calob Kominski, Monique Frish, Jeffrey Corriveau and Amanda Baker; two sisters, June Church and her husband Charles, and Claire Picking; and many nieces and nephews. Steven was predeceased by his wife, Sandra (Depeau) Kominski; and his brother-in-law, William Picking. Burial in Hillcrest Cemetery, Monson, MA will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale New Haven, Office of Development, P.O. Box 1849, New Haven, CT 06508 or to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT has care of the arrangements. To leave a condolence for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

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## McCaw, Catherine Patricia (Howe)

Catherine Patricia (Howe) McCaw, 75, of Newington, beloved wife of the late Michael J. McCaw, Jr. passed away peacefully on October 22, 2021. Catherine was born on August 23, 1945 in New Britain and was the daughter of the late James and Catherine (Crowley) Howe. Catherine worked as the Bakery Manager for A&P Supermarket for 25 years.
Catherine was a wonderful mother and grandmother, she will be dearly missed by her son Michael McCaw of Newington and her daughter Lauren Sheehan and her husband Michael of Cheshire along with her cherished grandson Liam. She also leaves her brother James Howe, sisters Chris Bogus and Betty Petruzzi.
Services will be private. The D'Esopo Funeral Chapel of Wethersfield is assisting the family with the arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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## Maurer, Kathleen (Guinan) (Jones)

Kathleen (Guinan) (Jones) Maurer
After a beautiful life surrounded by family and friends, Kathleen G Maurer of Manchester, CT (formally West Hartford) passed away peacefully on October 25, 2021 at the age of 79. She was born in Hartford to her loving parents William and Geraldine Guinan on October 20, 1942. She truly enjoyed working with customers during her career at Waldbaum's Foodmart in Farmington and most recently retired in May of 2020, after numerous years with Traveler's Insurance Company in Hartford. She was highly spoken of by many of her coworkers, and developed so many loving friendships with them. Kathy always had a love for bowling and even participated in a league in her earlier years. She had a love for family gatherings, knitting, and enjoyed her TV series – Ray Donovan and the "Chicago" series being some of her favorites. Kathy truly loved spending time with her grandchildren in any way possible. She most enjoyed rooting them on during their football, baseball and softball games whenever and wherever they played. Kathy was also a die-hard Boston Red Sox and New York Giants fan and loved her kitty Cali.

She is survived by her son Christopher Jones and his wife Dawne, her daughter Mary Duprey and her husband David, her three grandchildren Colby, Cassidy and Blake, her sister Eileen McKone and her husband John, her nephew Ken Smith and his wife Laura and their daughter Tierney, her nephew Steve Smith and his wife Claudia, her stepson Rick Maurer and his wife Laura and their children, her stepdaughter Joyce Maurer and her children and grandchildren, and her daughter-in-law Jenny Maurer and her son. She was predeceased by Richard Jones, Robert Maurer her son Kevin and her stepson Bobby Maurer.

Funeral Service will be Saturday October 30, 2021, 11:00 am at the Sheehan Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home at 1084 New Britain Avenue in West Hartford, CT. Calling hours will be prior to the Service from 9-11am at the funeral home. A private burial will take place at a later date. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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## McGuire-Goupil, Carol A.(Tyska)

Carol A. (Tyska) McGuire-Goupil, 74, of East Hartford, loving wife and best friend of over 30 years of Claude Goupil, peacefully journeyed home unexpectedly on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at her home. Born in Hartford on October 11, 1947, a daughter of the late Albert and Dorothy (Keane) Tyska, she had been a resident of the East Hartford/Manchester area for most of her life. She was a graduate of Hartford Public High School, class of 1965. Carol was formerly employed by Chandler Evans Manufacturing Company in West Hartford and retired after 20 years from the U.S. Postal Service, where she was a Letter Carrier in South Glastonbury. Carol was an avid fan of the New England Patriots and the NFL, a devoted animal lover, and an excellent cook who enjoyed preparing meals for her family and friends to enjoy.
Besides her beloved husband, Carol is survived by a son, James McGuire of North Carolina; a brother, Richard Tyska of Manchester; two adored grandchildren, Zachary and Madelyn McGuire; several cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Along with her parents, Carol was predeceased by a daughter, Heidi McGuire of Manchester.
Honoring Carol's wishes, private funeral service and burial will be held at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Carol's name may be made to Protectors of Animals, 144 Main Street, Suite O, East Hartford, CT 06118. The D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford has been entrusted with the care of the funeral arrangements. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family. Please visit www.desopoeh.com.

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## Murrell, Minnie Lou (Burney)

Minnie Lou (Burney) Murrell, 74, of Tucson, AZ and formerly of Hartford, beloved wife of the late Herman Murrell, passed away on Oct 15, 2021 in Tucson, AZ surrounded by her grandchildren. Born in Kinston, NC on April 25, 1947, daughter of the late Johnson and Lucille (Dunn) Burney, she was raised in North Carolina and was a graduate of Woodington High School, Class of 1967. Minnie worked as a certified nursing assistant at Hillside Manor Nursing Home in Hartford until her retirement after over 35 years of service. Most of all, she will be remembered as the consummate caregiver and for her devotion to caring for others. She leaves to mourn her passing, her son, Joseph A. Murrell, Sr.; five grandchildren, Joseph "JoJo" Anthony Murrell, Jr. of Hartford, Joshua Murrell, Ashley Caldwell, Alia Murrell, and Anijah "Ny Ny" Caldwell all of Sahuarita, AZ; her siblings, Rev. Gloria B. Montgomery and her husband Rev. Willie of Hartford, Larry Burney of Rocky Hill, Deloris Savage of Kinston, NC, Rev. Lyndia Riley of Hartford, and Keith Burney and his wife Levonne of Charlestown, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Her grandchildren along with Trina Caldwell and Beate Watkins cared for her, loved her, and made her last days on Earth comfortable and joyous. They were instrumental in her care in her last days. Besides her parents and her husband, she was predeceased by two brothers, Pastor Landon O. Burney and Rev. Johnson Burney, Jr.; and a sister, Barbara A. (Burney) Thompson. Her family will receive friends on Saturday, October 30, 10-11 a.m., followed by a Homegoing Service at 11 a.m., at Pentecost Deliverance Christian Ministries, 31 Mather St., Hartford. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489 or by visiting, www.alz.org/ct. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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## Ortique, Cheryl A.

Cheryl Ann Ortique, 65, of Hartford, CT transitioned on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Cheryl was born on April 13, 1956 in New Orleans, LA to the late Calvin J. Ortique, Sr. and Ruth (Severan) Ortique of West Hartford, CT.
A celebration of her life will be held on Friday, October 29, 2021 at 2:30PM; with visitation from 2:00PM-2:30PM at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services) 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. A graveside service will be held at the Provident Memorial Mausoleum in New Orleans, LA at the family's convenience. To leave a message of comfort for the Ortique family and view the full obituary, please visit www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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## Otis, Mark A.

BURLINGTON, NC- Mr. Mark Anthony Otis, age 59, of the Twin Lakes Community of Burlington, NC, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on Monday, October 25, 2021 at his residence after a several months long battle with cancer.

Born in Hartford, CT, he was the son of the late Marcel Otis and the late Sandra LaCroix Otis and is survived by his wife of 35 years, Marcia Ann Maynes Otis. He was "the Love of Her Life". He was previously employed for over 20 years with Aetna Insurance before his current employment of 10 years as a Lead Underwriter with Prudential Insurance. He was a member of First Congregation Church in East Hartford, CT and attended Apple's Chapel Christian Church in Gibsonville. He was a passionate cook and loved to provide meals for his family and friends. He also enjoyed reading, gardening and other outdoor activities. He was loved by everyone who knew him.

Mark is survived by his wife, Marci; step son, Jesse Richards and his wife, Amanda Stupi; a granddaughter, Grace Richards; his sister; Cheryl Renkl; sister- in-law, Neila Tullar and husband, William; cousins, Chris and Terry Tullar; and a host of friends.

A memorial service will take place at First Congregational Church in East Hartford, CT at a later date and will be posted on the funeral home website when arrangements are complete.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Glioblastoma Research Foundation at www.glioblastomafoundation.org

You may send condolences and sign the online register book at www.lowefuneralhome.com.

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## Richardson, Helen Mary

Helen Mary (Felice) Richardson, 63 years of age, of Cheshire, beloved wife of 33 years to Keith Richardson, passed away at home on October 26, surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born on April 6, 1958 in Hartford, CT, she was the loving daughter of the late Anthony and Rita (Rovella) Felice. She leaves her husband, Keith; their daughter, Katherine Faustini and husband Anthony of Southington, CT, son, Matthew Richardson of Dallas, TX, grandson, Elliot Faustini, her brothers Anthony R. Felice of Jamaica Plains, MA and Vincent Felice of Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Besides her parents Helen was predeceased in 2007 by her sister, Roseann Stocker. Helen's greatest enjoyment in life came from spending time with her family and most recently her beloved grandson, Elliot. Helen had a passion for the visual arts, design, all things creative and giving back to others. She attended Central Connecticut State University and Southern Connecticut State University earning degrees in Psychology, Art and Master of Business Administration with honors. Helen was the principal owner of HMR Consulting, LLC a computer technology consulting business and later Helen Richardson Interiors, an interior design company.

Helen's family would like to acknowledge and thank the entire staff at Hartford Healthcare at Home and Smilow Cancer Center for the extraordinary care and attention given to Helen over the course of her illness.

Arrangements - Funeral services in celebration of Helen's life will be will be held on Saturday October 30, 2021 at 9:15 a.m. from the Alderson-Ford Funeral Home of Cheshire 615 South Main Street to Saint Bridget of Sweden Church 175 Main Street, Cheshire for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be held privately. Family and friends may gather at the funeral home on Friday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her memory, to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105 (www.stjude.org) or the charity of your choice. For further information, directions, or to sign the guest book for Helen, please visit online at www.fordfh.com.

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## Scheer, Rose F.

ROSE F. SCHEER, age 96, passed away on 10/23/2021 at home surrounded by her family. Rose was born on July 28, 1925. She was the wife of the late Kenneth P. Scheer, the love of her life. Rose was predeceased by her son, Kurt Scheer. She is survived by her four children; Ken Scheer and his wife Betsy, Kris Scheer, Kathy Corcoran and her husband Jerry, and Karrie Phillips and her husband Bernie. Rose is also survived by her grandchildren; Matthew Scheer and his wife Morgan, Zachary Scheer, Kathryn Scheer, Conor and Cole Phillips and Madison and Ryan Corcoran.

Rose was a beloved teacher's aide at Griswold School for many years and would frequently be stopped in public by adults who fondly remembered her. Rose enjoyed oil painting, playing tennis, baking delicious apple pies and cookies for her family and friends, and watching UCONN Women's basketball. She also enjoyed going out each morning for coffee with her friends.

One of Rose's greatest pleasures was spending time with her grandchildren and playing her favorite game, RummiKub.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to Dr. Catherine Holmes for her devotion to Rose. We also extend our deepest love and appreciation to Veralyn Hayes for the wonderful care that she gave to Rose for the past two years. We are forever grateful.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, November 7, 2021 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. at the Erickson-Hansen Funeral Home of Berlin, 111 Chamberlain Hwy. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Parkinson's Disease Assoc., P.O. Box 248, Shelton, CT 06484. Please share a memory of Rose in the online guestbook at www.ericksonhansenberlin.com.

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## Tuley, Victor W.

Victor Wayne Tuley, 58, resident of Manchester and Vernon, CT, passed away unexpectedly on Monday 10/18/2021. Victor is survived by his mother Patricia O'Brien and her partner Linda Bower, his brother Michael and his wife Kathy; two uncles, Marc Coleman and wife Debbie, and Craig Coleman; one niece, Erica Ryan d and her husband David and their daughters Hannah and Ava; one nephew, Alex Tuley and his son Evan; two cousins, Eric Coleman and his son Chase, and Cara Brannon and her husband Blake and their children Rhya and Tyler.

There will be no calling hours or funeral services at this time. The John F. Tierney Funeral Home is handling all the arrangements. For online condolences, please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com. Please make sure you hug your loved ones today!

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## Urbanski, Julian

Julian Urbanski, 75, of Myrtle Beach, SC and formerly of Berlin and Rocky Hill, beloved husband for 54 years of Teresa (Skoryk) Urbanski, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at his home. Born in Zdziechowice, Poland on April 1, 1946, son of the late Zygmunt and Marianna (Ziolkowska) Urbanski, he was raised in Poland and immigrated to the United States in 1965 and settled in Hartford. Julian later moved to Windsor and then Rocky Hill where he lived for 25 years and raised his family. Julian and his wife later moved to Berlin for 18 years before retiring to Myrtle Beach, SC in 2012. Julian worked in the aerospace industry as a programming engineer for over 30 years before his retirement in 2012. In his spare time, he enjoyed working on his cars and golfing. He was a parishioner of SS. Cyril & Methodius Church in Hartford for over 50 years and was also a member of the Knights of Columbus in East Hartford. Besides his wife, he leaves three children, Andy Urbanski and his significant other, Tracy Fortin of Middletown, Mark Urbanski and his wife Elizabeth of Plantsville, and Dorothy Suprenant and her husband Michael of Middletown; one grandchild, Ella Urbanski, and two step-grandchildren Meadow and Marissa Asal; two brothers, Pete Urbanski and his fiancé, Mirella Sulkowska of Myrtle Beach, SC, Edward Urbanski and his wife Maria of Wethersfield, a sister, Irene Bledzinski and her husband Lester of Glastonbury; and many nieces and nephews. His family will receive friends on Friday, October 29, 4-7 p.m., at the Waszkelewicz South Green Memorial Home, 43 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford. Family and friends may gather on Saturday, October 30, 9 a.m., at the Waszkelewicz South Green Memorial Home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m., at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Memorial donations may be made to SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, 55 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford, CT 06106. For online condolences please visit, www.southgreenmemorialhome.com.

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## Vaught, Dorothy D (Jackson)

Dorothy D. (Jackson) Vaught , 85 of Johnson City, TN transitioned from this life to her eternal reward on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. She was born in Knoxville, TN to the late Bishop Lloyd Otis Jackson, Sr and Edith M. (Gordon) Jackson.

She later moved to Johnson City, TN where she was raised and attended Langston High School. While attending high school she met her husband of 66 years William A. Vaught. She gave birth to their daughter Ernestine D.Vaught whom they affectionately call "Ernie". They later relocated to Connecticut where they lived for over 40 years. Before relocating to Connecticut with her family Dorothy received the precious gift of salvation while singing in the gospel group "Echoes of Zion". Once in Connecticut, she began serving in ministry under her father, Bishop Otis Jackson who presided over True Vine Fire Baptized Holiness Church. As she continued to grow in her ministry call she began serving at St. John's Full Gospel Deliverance Church under the leadership of Apostle Dr. John E Wilson. Dorothy grew in her love and gift for prayer, pastoral leadership, counseling and served faithfully to minister to the needs of those she encountered. She had a special passion for the needs of women and for a time was the president of the women's ministry at her church. Outside of the church, Dorothy embodied a true heart of hospitality and would welcome all to the dinner table on any given day, especially on Sunday's. She lived with an open door policy and could be found counseling and praying for those in need at all hours of the day and night. She was a member of Women's Aglow International and served as a prayer partner for the CBN 700 club in the greater Hartford area. She worked outside of the home and was employed with several places of business such as Connecticut Valley Hospital and St. John's Daycare; but her main job was caring for her family as a home maker. Upon retirement, Dorothy and her family relocated back to Johnson City, TN where she became an associate pastor at Jubilee World Outreach under the leadership of Pastors Kirby and Debra Hill. Dorothy once again served faithfully and diligently until her health began to decline.

Dorothy leaves a wealth of legacy and is survived by her husband, William of 66 years, her daughter, Ernestine, her grandchildren Jonathan T. Reed (Kimberly) of Johnson City, TN and Jasmine M. Gibbs (Geoffrey) of Huntersville, NC. Two great-grandchildren, Geoffrey Gibbs III and Jackson A.W. Gibbs. Siblings Lois White of Middletown, CT; Richard Jackson (Alice) of College Park, GA; Bernice Drake of Ahoskie, NC, and sister-in-law Mamie Jackson of Bloomfield, CT. She also leaves to mourn a host of nieces, nephews, adopted and spiritual children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she loved as her own. Dorothy was predeceased by three brothers and two sister-in-laws, Charles Jackson and his wife Annette; Lloyd O. Jackson Jr; and Donald L. Jackson and his wife Ozie. In her final days, in addition to the abundance of love and care from her daughter and grandchildren, Dorothy received love and attention from two special nieces, Carolyn Newman and Oveta Thomas both of Johnson City, TN.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00pm Saturday October 30, 2021 at Jubilee Word Outreach in Johnson City. The family will receive friends from 12:00pm until 1:00pm at the church prior to the service. Interment will follow at West Lawn Cemetery.

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## Vaught Jr, William A

William A. Vaught, Jr., 87 of Johnson City, TN transitioned from this life to his eternal reward on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. He was born in Johnson City, TN to the late William A. Vaught, Sr. and Janie (Booher) Vaught.

He was the seventh of eight children and was raised in Johnson City where he graduated from Langston High School. While attending Langston High he met his wife of 66 years Dorothy D. (Jackson) Vaught. From their union was born their daughter Ernestine D. Vaught whom they affectionately call "Ernie". William worked several jobs including his work in the brick yard and at Memorial Hospital. William later relocated his family to Connecticut where they lived for close to 50 years. William became employed with Pratt and Whitney and then discovered his passion for trains when he started as a brakeman for Conrail. He later retired as a yard conductor after working over 30 years for Conrail. In his retirement, William kept busy and enjoyed working at Sweet Harmony Café in Middletown as their "jack of all trades".

He attended St. John's Full Gospel Deliverance Church in Bloomfield, CT under the leadership of Apostle John E. Wilson. During his retirement, William relocated his family back to Johnson City, TN. He was a faithful member of Jubilee World Outreach formerly lead by Pastors Kirby and Debra Hill.William loved to watch westerns and enjoyed going fishing. He was dedicated, a hard worker and provided well for his family. He was a giver and was loved by all who knew him.

William leaves a wealth of legacy and is survived by his daughter Ernestine D. Vaught of Johnson City, his grandchildren Jonathan T. Reed (Kimberly) of Johnson City and Jasmine M. Gibbs (Geoffrey) of Huntersville, NC. Two great-grandchildren, Geoffrey Gibbs III and Jackson A.W. Gibbs. In-laws, Lois White of Middletown; CT; Richard Jackson (Alice) of College Park, GA; Bernice Drake of Ahoskie, NC; Mamie Jackson of Bloomfield, CT and Robert Hoosier of Johnson City. He also leaves to mourn a host of nieces, nephews, adopted and spiritual children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom he loved. Only 8 days prior to his departure William was predeceased by the love of his life, wife Dorothy D. (Jackson) Vaught. William was also predeceased by four brothers and three sisters, Howard Vaught; Alexander Vaught, Sr.; David Vaught, Sr.; Lester Vaught; Willia Mae Plair; Lillie Redd; and Vera Hoosier. William was deeply loved by his family. In his final days, in addition to the abundance of love and care from his daughter and grandchildren, William received love and attention from two special nieces, Carolyn Newman and Oveta Thomas both of Johnson City, TN.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00pm Saturday October 30, 2021 at Jubilee Word Outreach in Johnson City. The family will receive friends from 12:00pm until 1:00pm at the church prior to the service. Interment will follow at West Lawn Cemetery.

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## Wallace, Priscilla Rice Eaton

Priscilla "Pat" Rice Eaton Wallace, 99, of Newington, CT and Southport, ME passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, August 25th. Her funeral service will be held on Friday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ, Congregational, 1075 Main St., Newington. She will be laid to rest in the Church Memorial Garden following the service. Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington is serving her family. To view her full obituary or share a memory, please visit us at www.duksa.net.

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## Zarrella, Roxanne J.

Roxanne J. Zarrella, 78, of Bristol, passed away on Monday, October 25, 2021. She was born on December 5, 1942 in Hudson, NY, daughter of the late John Emerson and Ester (Styles) Funk. Roxanne was the loving wife of James Zarrella for 45 years. Together they started Zarrella Farms in Plainville and since has been in operation for over 25 years. Roxanne enjoyed cooking, baking and singing. She loved animals and hosting around the holidays. Most of all she loved being a wife, mother and grandmother and she will be missed deeply. Besides her husband, James, Roxanne is survived by her sons Gregory Love of Farmington, David Love and his wife Diane of Bristol; daughters Derra Zarrella of Bristol, Jessica Speicher and her husband Kevin of Maryland; grandchildren Christine and Brittany Love of Bristol, Ryan Speicher of Maryland; sisters Judy, Janet, and Ester all of NY and Carole of FL and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she is predeceased by one brother. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021 at O'Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave., Bristol from 9:00 AM until a funeral home service that will begin at 11:00 AM. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Roxanne's tribute page at www.OBrien-FuneralHome.com

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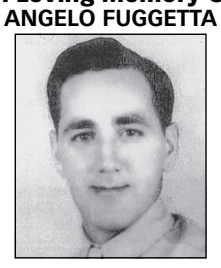

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STAMFORD MAYORAL RACE

# Valentine calls opponent a '35-year-old girl'

## Caroline Simmons said the comments are 'misogynistic' and 'offensive'

**By Christopher Keating**
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — State Rep. Caroline Simmons is expressing outrage that former baseball manager Bobby Valentine referred to her as a "35-year-old girl."

The clash is the latest in an increasingly tense race between the 71-year-old former manager of the New York Mets and the Democratic legislator as they battle to become the next mayor of Stamford.

"There's no chance of a 35-year-old girl who grew up in a private setting, going to a private school in Greenwich, Connecticut, could possibly relate to the diverse culture of Stamford, Connecticut, better than I do, no matter what the age is," Valentine told Associated Press reporter Susan Haigh. "It's an absolute impossibility in my mind."

Valentine has said that his family has lived in Stamford for more than 100 years and Simmons moved to the city only eight years ago after growing up in Greenwich. Valentine told the Courant recently that he had been painted by Simmons' supporters as "just another old white guy" in the city.

Within hours of the AP story posting on Tuesday, Simmons sent a fundraising email to her supporters, asking for volunteers to help in an increasingly bitter race.

"Just this afternoon, Bobby Valentine said there's no chance 'a 35-year-old-girl' could possibly relate to the people of Stamford better than he does," Simmons wrote to her supporters. "His misogynistic comments are offensive to all women and girls in our

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During a break in production of the Man v. Food show, host Casey Webb talks with MofonGo founder Vincent Placeres. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

# Travel Channel's Man v. Food films at MofonGo in New Britain

**By Don Stacom**
Hartford Courant

Casey Webb brought his Man v. Food show to MofonGo in New Britain, but for a straightforward profile — not one of his signature eating challenges.

Webb sampled owner Vincent Placeres' trifongo — a variation of mofongo — on Wednesday, but engaged in no culinary thrill-seeking.

"This won't be one of his challenges — we're doing that in Norwich. But this restaurant will be one of the ones we feature," said a production crew member who gave his name only as Jax.

Webb is scheduled to take on a platterload of tacos — including a couple mega-picante ones — in Norwich later this week.

Producers selected Placeres' popular downtown restaurant as one of three places that will be part of an episode featuring several Connecticut spots, including GoldBurgers in Newington. The show is expected to air sometime in 2022.

Man v. Food built its reputation on eating challenges, but generally does just one per show.

That's scheduled for 86'd in Norwich later this week. The restaurant advertises a spicy taco roulette: "Eat eight tacos in eight minutes. Chug a draft beer."

The challenge part involves a hot sauce, though: "Two tacos are drizzled with ghost pepper hot sauce, six are not. Finish in time: Your meal's on us, and your face goes on the 86'd wall of face."

What happens to those who don't make it?

"Fail and be 86'd, plus it will cost you $25," the restaurant's menu warns.

Viewers will have to wait until the show airs next year to see how Webb fares there.

At MofonGo, though, he was a big hit: Several people walking by on the West Main Street sidewalk greeted him and his video crew, and others just stopped to watch the show's filming.

The crew features on the restaurant's signature trifongo dish, a version of the Puerto Rican dish of mashed fried plantains.

Placeres gave Webb a tour of his kitchen, and talked him through the steps of making mofongo and

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# Billionaires may have to pay up

## Connecticut's wealthiest could be subject to a proposed new tax to fund President Biden's domestic spending plan

**By Rick Green**
Hartford Courant

America's 700 billionaires — there are 14 who live in Connecticut, according to Forbes — may be asked to dig deep to help pay for a massive domestic spending bill Congress is racing to complete work on.

From Ray Dalio to Vince McMahon to Steve Cohen, Connecticut's wealthiest could be subject to a new tax applying solely to people with at least $1 billion in assets or $100 million in income for three straight years. The tax — which could raise as much as $250 billion — is an alternative to a previous strategy to raise taxes on corporations and the wealthy.

Negotiators are still trying to reach a deal on how to finance the Biden spending and whether it will include new taxes for billionaires.

The proposal would tax stocks, even if the billionaire held on to the asset. They would be taxed on any increases in value and take deductions on losses. Under current law, those assets get taxed only when they are sold.

Billionaires would also face an additional tax on assets such as real estate and business interests once those assets are sold. During the first year of the proposed tax, the billionaires would also owe taxes on any built-in gains that predate the tax.

America's billionaires have

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UCONN

# Trustees eye next step as researchers secure record-high research funding

**By Seamus McAvoy**
Hartford Courant

UConn officials touted the strides in research funding the university has made in recent years during Wednesday's Board of Trustees meeting, but stressed that more work needs to be done.

Trustees cut an image of a school arriving just late to the funding party as federal money has poured into university coffers in recent years, but expressed interest in staking a claim among the country's leading research institutions.

"I think the big takeaway, for me

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UConn's Storrs campus. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

# Enfield man charged with attempted murder

**By Zach Murdock**
Hartford Courant

An Enfield man in need of mental health treatment slit the throat of a man who was trying to help him inside a local motel room on Tuesday afternoon.

The victim was rushed to Bay State Hospital and into emergency surgery, surviving the attack and explaining to investigators shortly after the surgery that his attacker needed help, according to newly released police records.

Alexander Arslinian, 29, was arrested at the motel, covered in blood, and charged with attempted murder and first-degree assault.

He remained in custody in lieu of a $750,000 bond on Wednesday and was ordered to undergo a mental health evaluation during an arraignment in Superior Court in Hartford.

The attack occurred just before 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Motel 6 on Hazard Avenue, where a front desk clerk called 911 when a man rushed down to her with a gaping wound in his neck and covered in blood, police records show.

The first responding officers found the man, whose name and age are redacted from the police records, clutching a towel

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

# Weekly positivity rate at 1.67%, lowest since mid July

## Hospitalizations in state are under 200 for first time since August

**By Eliza Fawcett**
Hartford Courant

Connecticut's weekly COVID-19 test positivity rate and number of hospitalizations both continued to decline on Wednesday, signaling continued improvements in the state's COVID-19 metrics.

The state's weekly positivity rate, now at 1.67%, is the lowest it has been in about three months. And on Wednesday, the state's number of hospitalizations due to COVID-19 dipped below 200 for the first time since early August.

### Cases and positivity rate

On Wednesday Connecticut reported 337 new COVID-19 cases out of 20,754 tests administered, for a daily COVID-19 positivity rate of 1.62%. The state's weekly COVID-19 positivity rate now stands at 1.67%, the lowest it has been since July 21, when it stood at 1.65%.

As of Wednesday, two Connecticut counties — Hartford and Windham counties — were experiencing "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Five of the state's other counties were experiencing "substantial" levels of COVID-19 transmission, while just Fairfield County was experiencing a "moderate" level of COVID-19 transmission.

### Hospitalizations

Connecticut currently has 194 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, a decrease of eight people since Tuesday and the state's lowest number of hospitalizations since Aug. 8, when it recorded 174 hospitalizations.

The vast majority of those hospitalized with serious COVID-19 symptoms are unvaccinated, according to hospital.

Assembly member Mia Bonta receives a Moderna COVID-19 vaccine booster shot Wednesday from Dr. Mychi Nguyen at Asian Health Services in Oakland, California. JEFF CHIU/AP

### Deaths

Connecticut reports coronavirus-linked deaths once a week. Last Thursday, the state reported 14 COVID-19 deaths over the past week, bringing its total during the pandemic to 8,721.

The United States has now recorded 739,254 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

### Vaccinations

As of Wednesday, 78.5% of all Connecticut residents and 90% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 70.4% of all residents and 80.8% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

COVID-19 booster shots are currently available for recipients of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccine more than six months removed from their second dose who are 65 or older, have health conditions that leave them vulnerable to COVID-19 or work in jobs that leave them at high risk. They are also available for anyone 18 or older who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago.

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trifongo.

Placeres has become a celebrity in New Britain, where he took an vacant pizzeria in the heart of downtown and opened one of the city's most popular restaurants.

The idea of a fresh-from-scratch restaurant with Puerto Rican cuisine has been a hit: He's opened another in Windsor and a third at the Parkville Market in Hartford.

In 2022, Placeres is looking at New Haven and Waterbury for further expansion, and ultimately is entertaining the idea of franchising the business. He's also opening Creole BBQ — a new concept — in New Britain within the next two weeks.

Placeres, 41, attributes some of his love for the restaurant industry to his 84-year-old grandfather, who is also named Vincent Placeres. His grandfather owned five restaurants in Puerto Rico before moving to East Hartford.

"I knew at 11 years old I would be a chef. I didn't meet my grandfather until eight, nine years ago, so I was already a chef long before then," Placeres said. "The passion for this business — it's in my grandfather's blood. He says 'You're like a young version of me.'"

## Research

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anyway, is there are billions and billions of dollars of research funding available, as the world's problems need to get solved," said Daniel Toscano, board chair. "And you're either a part of it or you're not."

UConn researchers won a total of $375.6 million in new awards in the 2020-21 fiscal year, well exceeding last year's then-record of $285.8 million and a 103% increase since 2017.

This year's tally includes a $40 million research grant, the largest of its kind in UConn's history, awarded by the National Science Foundation. It will be used to fund infrastructure for the Network for Advanced NMR, a consortium of molecular researchers from UConn, the University of Georgia and the University of Wisconsin.

The awards have propelled UConn to first place among New England public universities in external research funding.

But the school still lags behind the likes of Boston University ($534 million) and some other large state schools, including the University of Georgia ($477 million) and Rutgers University — New Brunswick ($657 million).

"Research is crucial if UConn wants to improve its reputation — a key to attracting top student and faculty talent," Dr. Radenka Maric, vice president for research, innovation and entrepreneurship, said in a presentation to the board.

UConn trustees inquired how far UConn still has to go in order to count themselves among the country's premier research universities.

Maric estimated that the school would likely need to generate award dollars in the $500 million range to be considered for membership with the Association of American Universities, an invitation-only group of 66 of the country's top research institutions.

Other criteria for consideration by the AAU include membership in national academies, faculty awards and citations of university faculty research.

UConn ranked 84th nationally in research and development expenditures in 2019, according to data from the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics. Maric warned that ranking could fall even if the university continues to bring in more federal dollars, due to competition from other universities.

Maric highlighted where the trustees can support the efforts of university researchers. She recommended trustees help make inroads with companies to develop partnerships with UConn, support for investments in interdisciplinary and collaborative research centers and to continue to champion research fundraising.

"There's a lot to celebrate, but I think what's even more interesting, once we do that, is looking at what we need to do to get to where we want to go," Toscano said.

### Improvements for Mirror Lake

During the meeting, the board also approved a $1.6 million of spending to fund planning and design for several possible improvements to Mirror Lake, the well-known south campus landmark that abuts Storrs Road.

UConn planners are fighting against nature: constructed in 1922, Mirror Lake isn't a natural body of water and slowly reverts back to its natural swamp-like conditions if not maintained.

Over six feet of silt and muck has accumulated on the lake's floor since 1946, the last time the bed was dredged, making it more difficult for the lake and the soil dam to withstand heavy rainfall.

That poses a threat to nearby Route 195, according to Laura Cruickshank, UConn's chief architect and master planner. The lake routinely overflowed during this summer's heaviest storms and pushed the culverts under the state highway to their limits with water threatening to flow onto the state highway, she said.

Planners expect the final project, which could include improvements to flood-prevention, water quality and aesthetics, to cost between $25 million and $30 million.

### COVID-19

Notably absent from Wednesday's agenda was COVID-19. "I think it's our first board meeting we've had in quite some time we haven't talked about COVID," Toscano noted at the meeting, only the board's second held in-person this year.

"The effort that's gone into making our campuses open and functioning as we can, and safely, I have to say is somewhat extraordinary given what last year was like," Toscano said.

Interim university President Andrew Agwunobi did offer a brief update on vaccination rates: 98% of students at UConn's Storrs campus are vaccinated, in addition to more than 95% of university employees.

The board may reconvene as early as Nov. 17, which is scheduled as a reserve date. The next full meeting is scheduled for Dec. 8.

## Attack

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to his bleeding neck. The man directed them to the room upstairs where they would find Arslinian and warned officers Arslinian may be considering harming himself.

Arslinian answered the motel room door wearing only a shirt, his hands and legs covered in blood, and initially told officers the victim had cut his own throat and they had then wrestled on the ground, records show. But Arslinian then admitted his name was "Alex" before telling police a different name and birthday and claiming, falsely, that he lived in Maine.

"He said he woke up and thought he already saw a mental health worker," officers noted in their report. "He feels that God is controlling his phone. He also said his blood family is planning a strategic attack on him. He stated he didn't know how he got to the hotel."

As he was put under arrest, Arslinian told officers he had never heard of Miranda rights and did not understand them and that "everything was a blur," records show. A review of security camera footage from the hallways and lobby of the motel led investigators to believe the victim was not suicidal but had fled the room where the attack occurred to get help from the staff member at the front desk, as he initially told police, records show.

The victim, whose relationship to Arslinian also is redacted from the records released publicly, told doctors after his surgery that he wished to speak to investigators. He was "lucid" and detailed the events leading up to the attack to investigators from his hospital bed, records show.

Arslinian had recently started presenting symptoms of a serious mental illness, so the victim had been trying to arrange an appointment with a mental health professional and opted to stay with Arslinian at the motel the night before the attack because he feared Arslinian might harm himself, the victim told investigators.

He returned to the motel around lunch and rested with Arslinian in the motel room without any "argument or tension," he told police. But at one point as the victim walked past the foot of the bed, Arslinian grabbed him from behind and slit his throat with a gray razor.

"He said the accused has never been violent in the past. He believes he snapped," police wrote of the victim's account. "He stated the accused has been believing he is God recently. In the last few weeks, he describes the accused as having memory issues to the point that he cannot remember personal identifiers like his birth date for appointments."

State police troopers executed a search warrant at the motel room and located a blade with blood on it on a nightstand, records show.

The victim told police he hoped Arslinian would be prosecuted and remain in custody to get mental health treatment. The case will be screened for the court's Part A, reserved for its most serious cases, where a judge will be able to order further mental health screenings and treatments, if they are deemed necessary, including at the Whiting Forensic Hospital in Middletown.

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## Valentine

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city and we cannot stand for his demeaning remarks — whether it is to people who were not born here, people who can't afford to own here, or women pursuing their dreams here."

Simmons continued, "None of us should be surprised Bobby said this. He's been showing us who he is — over and over — throughout this campaign. He told a private gathering that people who rent their homes in Stamford are "not leaving the community better than when they got here." Half of Stamford residents are renters.

During their most recent debate at a catering venue on the Stamford-Darien border, Valentine was asked about a recent video that has generated controversy because Valentine said that "if you're not owning, you're not caring." The comments have set off a pitched back-and-forth between the candidates regarding renters and homeowners.

"That was a 28-second clip that was taken out of context," Valentine said, adding that other video clips had been similarly shortened during his long baseball career. "I was just trying to support the idea that we need more housing in our community that people can own. ... We owe a lot to the development of the apartment complexes that have been built and all of the residents that live in them. But there's a great desire for home, condominium and town-home ownership. ... That 28 seconds regretfully got out there."

But Simmons countered that the clip was reflective of Valentine's views about housing.

"My opponent has consistently said that if you don't own in this city that you don't care about our city," Simmons said. "I think that's extremely offensive to the 50% of our city that is renting. Most of them can't afford to own homes. ... Why would we demonize half of our population that can't afford to [own]? It's insulting to suggest that they don't care about our city."

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## Tax

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seen their collected wealth surge 70% since the start of the pandemic to more than $5 trillion, according to an analysis by the pro-wealth-tax Americans for Tax Fairness and the Institute for Policy Studies Program on Inequality. That gain from March 18, 2020, to this past month is equal in size to Biden's spending plans over 10 years.

"Right now, billionaires are not paying a dime in taxes on their fabulous income gains from their stock holdings during the pandemic," said Frank Clemente, executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness. "The billionaires income tax would tax the increase in the value of those assets each year just like workers' wages are taxed."

There were 614 U.S. billionaires at the start of the pandemic; the total has now grown to 745, according to Associated Press.

Allison Schrager, a senior fellow at the conservative Manhattan Institute, said the first-ever tax would be "just impossible to implement."

"There's a lot of evidence these things don't work, and I've never heard an explanation of how this could be workable," Schrager said.

Here is the latest list, according to Forbes, of Connecticut's superwealthy:

- Ray Dalio of Greenwich, founder of the world's biggest hedge fund Bridgewater Associates and the richest person in Connecticut. Net worth: $20.3 billion.
- Steve Cohen, owner of the New York Mets and founder of Point72 Asset Management in Stamford. Net worth: $16 billion.
- Alexandre Behring of Greenwich, co-founder and manager partner of the 3G Capital investment firm in New York. Net worth $7 billion in 2021.
- Andreas Halvorsen of Greenwich, who runs Viking Global Investors. Net worth: $6.3 billion.
- Karen Pritzker of Branford, granddaughter of the founder of the Hyatt hotel chain. Net worth: $4.9 billion.
- Stephen Mandel Jr. of Greenwich, founder of Lone Pine Capital. Net worth: $3.9 billion.
- Christian Haub of Greenwich, CEO of Tengelmann Group, a German-based retail giant. Net worth of $3 billion.
- Bradley Jacobs of Greenwich, founder and CEO of XPO Logistics, a commercial transportation company Net worth: $2.9 billion in 2021.
- Vincent McMahon of Greenwich, chairman and CEO of Stamford-based World Wrestling Entertainment. Net worth: $2.1 billion.
- Mario Gabelli of Greenwich, founder of Gamco Investors, a New York-based firm. Net worth: $1.8 billion.
- Peter Buck of Danbury, co-founder of the Subway sandwich shop chain. Net worth: $1.7 billion.
- Alexandra Daitch of Old Lyme, and Lucy Stitzer, 61, of Greenwich. Net worth for each: $1.7 billion in 2021. The sisters acquired their wealth through inherited stake in Cargill, one of the largest food and agriculture companies in the world that was founded by their great-grandfather.
- Clifford Asness of Greenwich, co-founder of AQR Capital Management in Greenwich. Net worth: $1.4 billion.

*A report from Associated Press is included in this story.*

CONNECTICUT

# Nor'easter punches state with second set of wind gusts

## Causes more than 16,000 outages Wednesday morning

**By Christine Dempsey**
Hartford Courant

The second part of a mostly low-key, but long-winded, nor'easter delivered strong gusts of wind that knocked out power to more than 16,000 across Connecticut Wednesday morning.

High winds continued through early evening in eastern parts of the state, but tapered off during the afternoon elsewhere, Gary Lessor, chief meteorologist with the Connecticut Weather Center at Western Connecticut State University, said Wednesday.

The storm lasted about 36 hours, he said.

For many, the biggest impact came Wednesday morning. A few schools canceled classes, and some roads were closed because of downed trees and wires, including Route 243 in Woodbridge. Trees and limbs hit houses in places, and weather-related problems caused delays for rail travelers on Metro-North's Danbury Branch.

Perhaps the most dramatic incident happened in Middletown, when students were stuck on a stopped school bus because live wires had blown onto it. No one was injured and an Eversource crew quickly arrived to deactivate the wires so the bus could safely continue on its way, police Lt. Brian Hubbs said.

The day started out with just a smattering of outages, but the number grew as the wind blew trees onto wires. At 8 a.m., the two biggest power companies in the state, Eversource and United Illuminating, reported 16,114 outages, 15,003 in Eversource's vast territory and 1,111 in United Illuminating's shoreline towns and cities.

By 1 p.m., Eversource reported 10,363 outages, with 2,063 in Meriden, 917 in East Lyme and 724 in Old Lyme, the latter two towns on the southeastern shore. United Illuminating had 195.

The shoreline towns and cities had the fiercest wind:

As a nor'easter churns wind and water at Long Island Sound, fisherman Adam Lurch braves the storm from rocks off Eastern Point in Groton. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

A wind gust of 62 mph was recorded in New London, Lessor said, and while the winds subsided somewhat by Wednesday afternoon, they were not expected to be over. Wind gusts of 45 mph were expected in Hartford and Tolland counties and gusts of 50 mph were expected in Windham County.

Strong winds are more likely to knock down trees this time of year because many still have leaves — "although they're losing leaves pretty rapidly," Lessor said.

The storm's first punch was Monday into Tuesday, when wind howled and rain poured down in spurts overnight. Some roads were flooded, but no injuries were reported.

By noon Tuesday, some 6,000 customers lacked power, most in the western part of the state or at the shore. The northeastern part of the state was relatively quiet Tuesday, but got hit harder Wednesday. The storm pivoted, the National Weather Service said, taking a swipe at eastern Connecticut.

A flood watch was in effect statewide Tuesday and through Wednesday in Hartford County, and a wind advisory remained in effect Wednesday in eastern Connecticut and at the shore.

On Tuesday, the amounts of rainfall had fluctuated widely. Old Saybrook recorded 5.9 inches, while Danbury had 4.3 inches and Oxford had 4.02. Westport and Sherman both had about 3.25 inches, he said.

As of Wednesday morning, Bethany had 5.11 inches of rain, and Monroe had 4.35, Lessor said. The rest of the state had less.

Connecticut had recorded 48.13 inches of rain as of 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, which is about 25% more than the normal amount of 38.7 inches at this time of year, Lessor said.

The state's all-time record for rainfall is 69.23 inches in 2011, and the state has 67 more days to approach that record by year's end, he said Tuesday.

The storm hit Massachusetts much harder then Connecticut, with more than 400,000 customers without power at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, the National Weather Service said.

The strongest wind gust — 94 mph — was reported on Martha's Vineyard.

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# Norwich officer shot at in second attack on police in two days

**By Christine Dempsey**
Hartford Courant

A man who fired multiple rifle shots at a Norwich police officer through a patrol car windshield Tuesday night — the second such incident in the state in two days — was arrested on attempted murder and other charges, police said Wednesday.

Andrew O'Lone, 28, turned himself into police about an hour after the shooting and remains in custody on $1 million bail, police records show. His other charges include assault on a police officer, possession of an assault weapon and criminal attempt to commit first-degree assault.

It was the second time in two days a police officer was shot at in Connecticut. A Hartford officer narrowly missed being shot, and was injured by flying glass, when she was fired on inside her cruiser Monday night, police said.

According to police, the Norwich officer was shot at shortly before 10 p.m. in the area of the Westwood Park housing complex as he was responding to a report of shots being fired there.

He was the first officer to arrive and spotted a person carrying a rifle. The person "immediately began firing at the officer, striking the cruiser with several rounds," police said.

Investigators counted at least seven bullet holes in the front of the cruiser and through its windshield, including several "within inches of the driver's seat" where the officer had been moments earlier, police records show.

The officer, whose name is redacted from police records released Wednesday afternoon, returned fire but did not hit the man who opened fire on him, police said. The officer also was not hit by any bullets but did suffer several minor abrasions diving for cover.

Officers surrounded the area, and police from area agencies arrived to help with the manhunt.

A short time after police set up a perimeter, they found the suspect at his home at 123 Westwood Park, a short distance from the scene.

Police received a phone call about 45 minutes later from O'Lone's mother, who lives out of state, saying she had just received a phone call from her son that he had shot at police and they had shot back, according to a police report. She advised police that he wanted to surrender and state police made contact with him on his cellphone to arrange his exit from the house.

At the scene, investigators found "numerous" .223-caliber shell casings consistent with those fired by the rifle, which investigators believe had a 30-round magazine, records show. Several .40-caliber shell casings also were found at the scene and articles of clothing O'Lone was seen wearing in security camera footage recorded near his apartment.

O'Lone was taken into custody without further incident but declined to speak to police without a lawyer present, records show. His other charges are possession of an assault weapon, possession of a high-capacity magazine, first-degree criminal mischief and second-degree criminal mischief.

Eastern District Major Crime detectives from the state police are helping with the investigation, police said.

Anyone who saw the exchange of gunfire or has information about it is asked to contact Det. Richard Cannata at 860-886-5561 ext. 3138 or at rcannata@cityofnorwich.org. Those who wish to remain anonymous may call the tip line at 860-886-5561 ext. 4.

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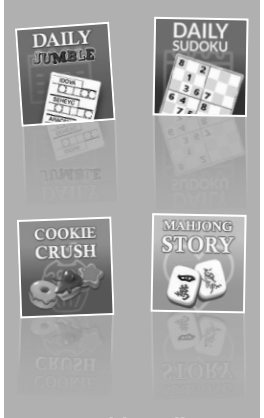

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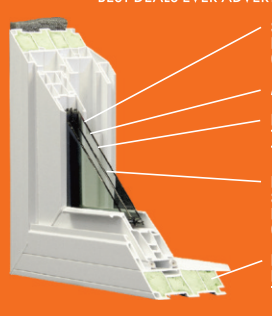
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**City of Bristol, Connecticut**
**INVITATION TO BID**

Notice is hereby given that the Purchasing Department for the City of Bristol, Connecticut is accepting sealed responses on the following:

2022-043 Police Vehicles; due November 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm
2022-044 Chevy Silverado 3500 with Mason Dump Body; due November 8, 2021 at 2:00 pm

Sealed responses via the QuestCDN online bidding system will be accepted until the due date and time as noted above. The City reserves the right to waive informalities in bid responses, and to accept any or all bid responses, if in its judgment the best interests of the City will be served. Submission of bid documents are subject to a $15.00 bid posting fee payable to QuestCDN, the cost of which shall be borne solely by the bidder.

The successful bidder shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, or national origin.

Plans and specifications can be obtained online at the website below, or by contacting:

City of Bristol Purchasing Department
111 North Main St, Bristol, CT 06010
Tel. (860) 584-6195
Fax (860) 584-6171
http://www.bristolct.gov/bids
10/28/2021 7072111

**LEGAL NOTICE**
**OLD SAYBROOK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room located at 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook and via teleconference

Public Zoom Link: https://zoom.us/j/96174417686?pwd=Zk1kWmV2VlI3VVV1TUNtNEZRSEs0QT09
Meeting ID: 961 7441 7686
Meeting Passcode: 302302
Teleconference Dial-In: (929) 436-2866
One Tap Mobile: tel://9294362866,,96174417686# to hear the following:

21/22-09C Tamara Laurie seeks a variance of Par 10.7.1 & 10.7.2 (non-conformity enlargement/change); Par 23.5.1 (street line setback/35' required/18.6' proposed) of the Zoning Regulations to permit the construction of a 176.4 s.f. screened porch with roof deck at 69 Cromwell Place, Map 32/Lot 56, Residence AA-2 District, Coastal Area Management Zone, CT River Gateway Conservation Zone, North Cove Historic District.

At this hearing, interested persons may appear or submit written communication in advance.
Plans are available for review in the Land Use Department, 302 Main Street and at oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-board-appeals

Old Saybrook Zoning Board of Appeals
10/28, 11/4/21 7065404

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenstock, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region # 14 Probate Court, by decree dated October 25, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Monika L. Graham, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Pamela K. Bennett
c/o WILLIAM D GRADY, WILLIAM D. GRADY, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 8 WEST HIGH STREET, PO BOX 179, EAST HAMPTON, CT 06424
10/28/2021 7072222

**TOWN OF CROMWELL**
**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY**
**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Cromwell Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency will hold a Regular Meeting and a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm in Room 224 of the Cromwell Town Hall at 41 West Street on the following item:

1. Application #21-06: Request to conduct activities within the Inland Wetlands and Upland Review Area to allow for the construction of a road and warehouse at 94A and 102 Court Street, 76 and 80R Geer Street and 210 Shunpike Road. Scannell Properties #576, LLC is the Applicant and Dilys B. and Henry P. Jr. McIntyre, Gardner's Nurseries Inc. and Paramount Property LLC are the Owners.

Joseph Corlis
Chairman

Dated in Cromwell, Connecticut this 20th day of October 2021
10/28/2021 7068380

**TOWN OF ESSEX**
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
**Conference Room A or Join Zoom Meeting**
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**Dial 1 646 558 8656 US (New York)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Essex, Connecticut, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 4:45 pm, to hear any and all persons who wish to be heard in regard to the following:

1. An Amended and Re-Stated Ordinance Providing a Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighter(s). Copy of said Ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's office and posted on the Town website.
2. To consent and approve an appropriation of a sum not to exceed $35,000.00 to be allocated from the Contingency Fund contingent upon eligibility of ARPA Funds, for the purchase of a police cameras and related necessary equipment as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance.
3. To consent and approve an appropriation of a sum not to exceed $50,000.00 from the Park and Recreation Sinking Fund for the cleanup and restoration of Town parks due to flooding from Tropical Storm Ida as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance. If FEMA funds are received related to this project, said funds will be returned to the Park and Recreation Sinking Fund.

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Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman

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Stacia R. Libby, Selectman

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Bruce Glowac, Selectman

Dated this 20th day of October 2021 at Essex, CT
10/28/21 7070027

**TOWN OF ESSEX**
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**
**Conf. Room A or Join Zoom Meeting**
**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81609568659?pwd=N0ZQVC9UbGhqeFhuTEE4cGVpZjBCdz09**
**Meeting ID: 816 0956 8659**
**Password: 427341**
**Dial 1 646 558 8656 US (New York)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Town Meeting will be held in and for the Town of Essex, Connecticut, Thursday, November 4, 2021 immediately following the public hearing at 4:45 pm at the Essex Town Hall, Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue in said Essex.

TO ACT AND CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:
1. An Amended and Re-Stated Ordinance Providing a Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighter(s). Copy of said Ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's office and posted on the Town website.
2. To consent and approve an appropriation not to exceed $44,500.00 for the purchase of police cameras and related necessary equipment as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance. If eligible, said funds are to be appropriated from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Fund. Otherwise, a transfer from the Board of Finance Contingency would be the secondary source of funding
3. To consent and approve an appropriation of a sum not to exceed $50,000.00 from the Park and Recreation Sinking Fund for the cleanup and restoration of Town parks due to flooding from Tropical Storm Ida as recommended and approved by the Board of Finance. If FEMA funds are received related to this project, said funds will be returned to the Park and Recreation Sinking Fund.

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Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman

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Bruce Glowac, Selectman

Dated this 20th day of October 2021 at Essex, CT
10/28/21 7070025

**WARNING AND NOTICE OF BRISTOL, CT. ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all electors of the State who are residents of Bristol, CT and entitled to vote therein, that there will be an election of officers of Bristol on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. as provided for in City Charter Secs. 6 through 12. At said election each elector shall be entitled to cast one vote for Mayor, one vote for Treasurer, two votes for candidates of their choice for Council Member of the voting district wherein the elector resides, three votes for Board of Education, and two votes for members of the Board of Assessment Appeals of said City.
At said election each elector shall be entitled to vote on the following questions for approval or disapproval; a vote of "YES" being a vote of approval and a vote of "NO" being a vote of disapproval:
1. Shall the treasurer be changed from a two year elected official to a four year appointed official?
2. Shall the term of office of the elected registrars of voters be changed from two years to four years?
3. Shall the renumbering and reorganization of the Charter and its table of contents be approved?
Explanatory text of the questions is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, City Hall, 111 North Main St., Bristol, CT.
Notice is hereby given that the locations of the polling places are as follows:

| VOTING DISTRICT | LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE |
|---|---|
| Edgewood School | 345 Mix Street |
| Northeast School | 530 Stevens Street |
| Mountain View School | 71 Vera Road |
| Bristol Eastern High School | 632 King Street |
| Chippens Hill Middle School | 551 Peacedale Street |
| West Bristol School | 500 Clark Avenue |
| South Side School | 21 Tuttle Road |
| B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge | 126 South Street |
| Greene-Hills School | 718 Pine Street |

Notice is hereby given that Central Counting of Absentee Ballots has been designated by the Registrar of Voters pursuant to Conn. General Statutes 9-147a and will take place on the 2nd floor of the Police Department/Court Complex, 131 North Main St., Bristol on November 2, 2021.
ATTEST: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Therese Pac, Bristol Town Clerk
10/28/2021 7071945

**Warning of Election & Referendum**
**November 2, 2021**

The Electors of the City of Middletown are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, for the following purposes:

I. To cast their votes for Board of Education, Planning & Zoning Commission and Planning & Zoning Alternate.

II. To vote on the following question for approval or disapproval; a vote "YES' being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote of disapproval.

1. "Shall the Charter be revised and reorganized to facilitate public understanding and access to local government by instituting: (a) clear standards of ethical conduct for local offices; (b) uniform procedures enhancing board and commission operations; (c) greater accountability and standards of compensation in the budget process; (d) nonpartisan council leader positions; and, (e) equal employment opportunities?"

The ballot label for such question should read as follows:

"Shall the Charter be revised and reorganized to facilitate public understanding and access to local government by institution: (a) clear standards of ethical conduct for local officials; (b) uniform procedures enhancing board and commission operations; (c) greater accountability and standards of compensation in the budget process; (d) nonpartisan council leader positions; and, (e) equal employment opportunities?"

2. "Shall the Charter be revised to transfer hiring and supervision responsibilities for custodians, secretarial and cafeteria staff, tradespersons, central office staff, and other employees who do not require State Board of Education certification at Middletown Public Schools from the Mayor to the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools?"

The ballot label for such question should read as follows:

"Shall the Charter be revised to transfer hiring and supervision responsibilities for custodians, secretarial and cafeteria staff, tradespersons, central office staff, and other employees who do not require State Board of Education certification at Middletown Public Schools from the Mayor to the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools?"

A copy of all accepted charter changes are available in the Town Clerk's Office and are also available on the City of Middletown website under the Government tab entitled 2021 Charter Revision Referendum.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LOCATIONS OF THE POLLING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

District Location of Polling Place

1 MacDonough School – 66 Spring Street

2 Spencer School – 207 Westfield Street

3 Lawrence School – Kaplan Drive

4 Moody School – 300 Country Club Road

5 Snow School – 299 Wadsworth Street

6 Wesley School – 10 Wesleyan Hills Road

7 South Fire District Firehouse – 445 Randolph Road

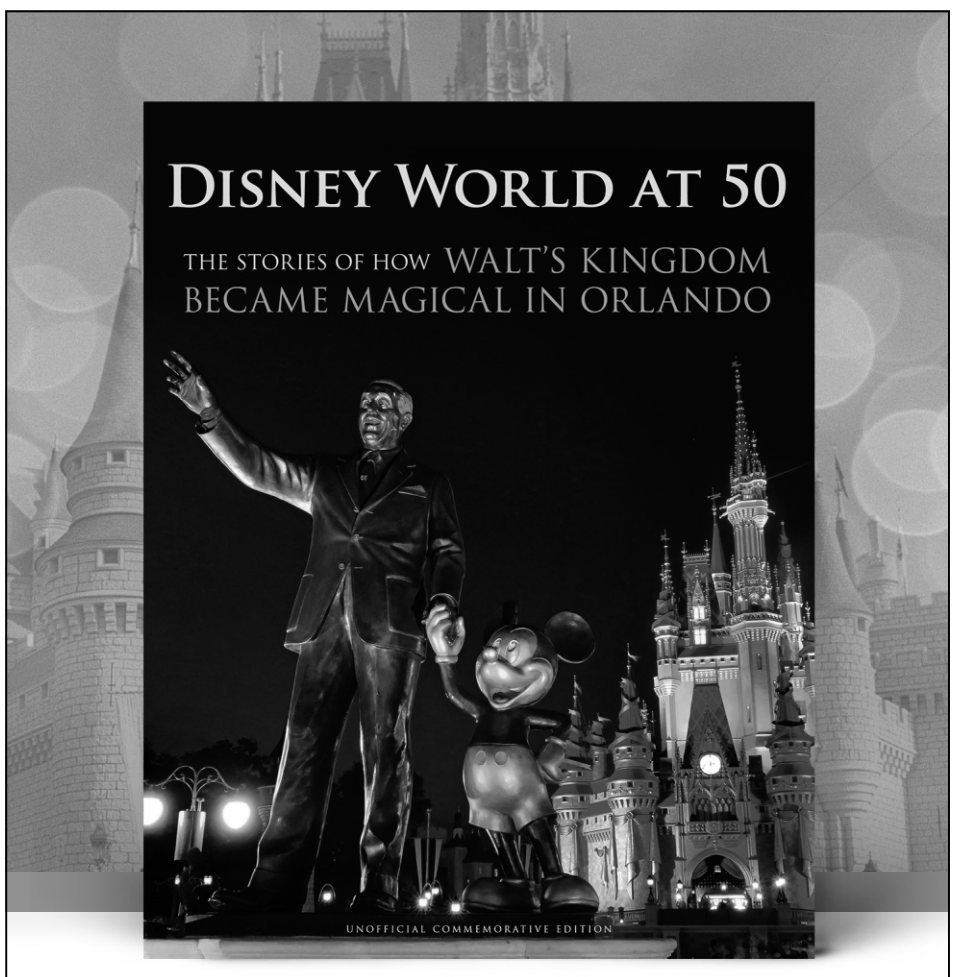
8 Bielefield Shool – 70 Maynard Street

9 Fayerweather Beckham Hall – 55 Wyllys Avenue

Voting machines will be used. The hours of voting are 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Absentee ballots will be available in accordance with the law beginning October 1, 2021 during regular business hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday from the Town Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots will be counted in Common Council Chambers, City Hall, 245 deKoven Drive, Middletown, CT at 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. if necessary, on November 2, 2021. Election Day Registration ballots will be counted in the Common Council Chambers at the same address on November 2, 2021.

Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, this 18th day of October, 2021.

Ashley Flynn-Natale
City & Town Clerk of Middletown
10/28/21 7072437



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# Stay well behind the wheel

## Safety record of older drivers improving as seniors are healthier than in decades past, operating safer vehicles

**By Jane E. Brody**
The New York Times

Highway safety experts have long been concerned about a possible epidemic of accidents and fatalities as people in their 70s, 80s and beyond continued to drive. The children of older drivers have worried along with them, sometimes going to extremes to commandeer the keys of their aging parents when reasoning fails to get them off the road.

But new research suggests it may be time for everyone to breathe a little easier and maybe worry instead about young drivers who, as a whole, are more likely than us old-timers to speed and multitask.

Although there are now more older drivers than ever before on U.S. roads, it seems there has never been a safer time for those in the upper decades of life to drive a car. A recent study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found that drivers 70 and older were less likely to be involved in a fatal car accident than those 35 to 54.

The study, published in June in the Journal of Safety Research, recorded a 43% drop in fatal accidents among drivers 70 and older from 1997 to 2018. For middle-age drivers, the decline in fatal accidents was half that, 21%. Although seniors rarely drove as far as younger drivers did, older adults had better safety records per mile driven. In 2017, for the first time, drivers 70 and older had fewer crashes reported to the police than middle-age drivers, the institute found.

Older adults benefit from years of driving experience that usually translates into better risk assessment and the ability to navigate challenges. Compared with young drivers, they are less likely to drink and drive, speed, ignore road signs, drive in bad weather and drive at night.

The study's authors credited two major factors for the improved safety record of older drivers: Seniors today are healthier than in decades past, and most are operating safer vehicles. To that, I would add, they're helped by significant safety improvements in roadway design, including better signage and traffic patterns. For example, the insurance institute reported, when stop signs or traffic signals were replaced by roundabouts at intersections, overall crashes dropped by 37%, injury crashes by 75% and fatalities by 90%.

Still, there's no question that an aging mind and body can compromise driving safety. Dexterity, flexibility and reaction time necessarily decline as we get older. Age-related health challenges that can impair driving ability include arthritis, glaucoma, macular degeneration, glare sensitivity, hearing loss, cognitive decline and dementia.

The most important lesson for drivers in the upper echelons of life is to acknowledge such changes, know how to compensate for them if possible and prepare for when it's time to retire from driving.

"On average, men have to stop driving five or six years before they die, and for women, it's 10 years," said Dr. Louise Aronson, a geriatrician at the University of California, San Francisco. "It helps to recognize that things are going to change and think in advance about how you can best remain in control of your life. It's a lot better to have plans in place than to have your world suddenly ripped out from under you."

And before family members take the keys from an older relative, they should recognize the adverse consequences of "driving retirement," Aronson wrote in The New England Journal of Medicine in an essay aptly titled "Don't Ruin My Life — Aging and Driving in the 21st Century." Negative effects include increased social isolation, depression and loneliness, all correlated with poor health and a shortened life.

When forced by advancing years or health issues to stop driving, people can lose status and self-respect as well as independence and opportunities that enhance their well-being, she pointed out.

Of course, age by itself is not a reliable determinant for when people should stop driving. People in their 90s who are physically fit and drive often can be better drivers than 70-year-olds who are out of shape and drive infrequently.

To justify continuing to drive, older people may tell others they don't go farther than the grocery store, they stay off the highway or they don't drive at night. But such comments can be a red flag that it's time to stop driving altogether, Aronson said. Competent driving is a skill that requires practice to maintain — "the less you drive, the less good you are at it," she said. "Use it or lose it."

Brenda Vrkljan, a rehabilitation specialist at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, is doing what she can to help older adults continue to drive safely by monitoring where and when they drive and how they behave behind the wheel.

"Older drivers are, all in all, very good drivers," she said. "But driving is not a right. It's a privilege we have to earn; we need to be aware that things change as we get older, and we don't necessarily have the same skills. Driving involves complex maneuvers, and most people outlive their driving ability."

A program called Candrive, which Vrkljan helped establish, is tracking the driving patterns of older adults to assess what changes might enhance safety. In an ongoing study, she and colleagues are placing cameras in aging drivers' cars to record their unsafe missteps, like failing to check mirrors before changing lanes, not stopping soon enough or fumbling with a coffee cup. Afterward, the drivers can view the video, offering the opportunity to bear witness to their limitations.

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# Study of those with depression history highlights difficulty of stopping meds

**By Lindsey Tanner**
Associated Press

A study of British patients with a long history of depression highlights how difficult it can be to stop medication, even for those who feel well enough to try.

Slightly more than half the participants who gradually discontinued their antidepressants relapsed within a year. By contrast, the relapse rate was lower — almost 40% — for those who remained on their usual medication during the study. Both groups had been taking daily doses of common antidepressants, had recovered from their most recent bout of depression and felt healthy enough to consider stopping the drugs.

Previous research has also shown relapse is common, and an editorial recently published with the study in the New England Journal of Medicine suggests medication for life may be advised for some patients with several previous bouts.

Counseling and behavior therapy are other options for patients who want to stop antidepressants, and studies show those treatments combined with medication work well for many.

Few of the British patients in the government-funded study were receiving any kind of psychological treatment. Though the United Kingdom's national health system offers it, it is difficult to access because of long waiting times for treatment, said Gemma Lewis, the study's lead author and a researcher at University College London.

Depression is a mood disorder that can include persistent, debilitating feelings of sadness, hopelessness and loss of interest in activities. It affects about 5% of adults worldwide, according to the World Health Organization.

Editorial author Dr. Jeffrey Jackson of Milwaukee's Veterans Affairs Medical Center called the study results important but disappointing. But he also suggested that discontinuing antidepressants is possible for some patients.

"I encourage patients with a single bout of depression ... to consider weaning antidepressant treatment after at least six months of remission," Jackson wrote in the editorial.

JULIO CORTEZ/AP 2018

**CELEBRITIES**

Carrie Underwood and Jason Aldean will perform together at the CMA Awards. **AP PHOTOS**

# Underwood, Aldean to play CMAs

From news services

The CMA Awards will be a night of all-star collaborations between Carrie Underwood and Jason Aldean, Kane Brown and Chris Young, and Mickey Guyton with Brittney Spencer and Madeline Edwards.

The Country Music Association announced additional performers Wednesday for the Nov. 10 show, including top nominee Chris Stapleton, Luke Combs, Miranda Lambert and Old Dominion.

Other nominees who will also perform include Eric Church, who is tied with Stapleton with five nominations, Jimmie Allen, Brothers Osborne and Dan + Shay. Blake Shelton is also on the lineup for the show hosted by Luke Bryan that will air on ABC.

**Megan Thee Stallion to graduate college:** Hip-hop superstar Megan Thee Stallion has announced that she is graduating college. "2021 finna graduate collegeeee, taking my graduation pics today," she wrote Monday on Instagram, showing off her bedazzled graduation cap.

The rapper, whose given name is Megan Jovon Ruth Pete, pursued college studies at Prairie View A&M University before her career skyrocketed with songs such as "Savage" (with Beyonce) and "W.A.P." (with Cardi B).

She eventually switched to part-time, online courses to receive a bachelor's degree in health administration from Texas Southern University.

"I want to get my degree because I really want my mom to be proud," the three-time Grammy winner told People. "She saw me going to school before she passed."

In March 2019, Megan Thee Stallion's mother, rapper Holly Thomas, died after battling brain cancer.

Megan Thee Stallion plans to use some of her earnings to open an assisted-living facility that her classmates will operate.

**No more autographs for McCartney:** Paul McCartney has shared in an interview that while he's happy to have a conversation with fans, he will not participate in giving autographs or posing for selfies.

"[It] always struck me as a bit strange," the former Beatle told Reader's Digest UK for a November cover story. "'Here, can I write your name down on the back of this till receipt please?' Why? We both know who I am."

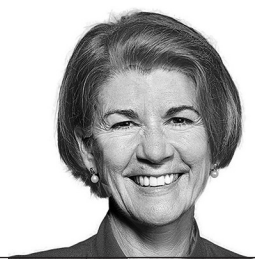
McCartney, 79, has found that stopping those kinds of interactions are better in the long run.

"What you've usually got is a ropey photo with a poor backdrop and me looking a bit miserable," he said. "Let's chat, let's exchange stories."

**'Dune' sequel in the works:** Legendary Entertainment announced Tuesday that Denis Villeneuve's "Dune," which adapts the first half of Frank Herbert's 1965 science-fiction epic, will get a sequel. Whether that would be the case had been an unanswered question throughout the film's recent release.

Warner Bros. Chairman Toby Emmerich said the studio will release "Dune: Part II" in October 2023.

**Oct. 28 birthdays:** Actor Joan Plowright is 92. Actor Jane Alexander is 82. Actor Dennis Franz is 77. TV host Sheryl Underwood is 58. Comedian Andy Richter is 55. Actor Julia Roberts is 54. Singer Brad Paisley is 49. Actor Joaquin Phoenix is 47. Actor Gwendoline Christie is 43. Actor Matt Smith is 39. Singer Frank Ocean is 34.



# ASK AMY

**By Amy Dickinson**

*askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy*

## Molester should be outed to protect children

**Dear Amy:** My youngest brother was arrested 19 years ago and jailed for eight weeks for molesting a 4-year-old child.

He was on probation for 10 years. This was horrible for the child's family and for my family.

We thought it was a one-time thing.

My brother went on with his life, got married and has a good job.

Very recently five family members (now adults), say he had molested them, too, when they were young.

Each has to decide if they are going to step forward and report it ... now or ever.

His wife has no clue that all of this has transpired, but she has grandchildren.

Should any of us family members tell her for the sake of her grandchildren?

It's a Pandora's box, but it seems that something should be said.

My brother has no clue that his secret is out.

Blowing up the family will indeed happen if this gets out.

— *Unsure*

**Dear Unsure:** My thoughts are that someone (your parents, perhaps) could have — and should have — done more to protect the first generation of children who were victimized by your brother, after his initial conviction.

In addition to his (very light) sentence, he should have received therapeutic help, and he should not have had access to children.

But because this crime is so painful for your family to face, your brother didn't get help, the news that he is a convicted child molester was swept under the carpet, and it seems that he went on to victimize more children, who now carry this burden with them.

Yes, his wife should be told, immediately.

The phrasing of your letter suggests that your brother has step-grandchildren. Their parents should also be notified of your brother's conviction of child molestation and that it likely was not a "one-time thing." He should not have any access to children without their parents present.

There is a public perception that a high percentage of child molesters reoffend, and while my reading about this suggests that the recidivism rate might be lower than most think — five credible accusations in one family means that your brother did continue to offend.

**Dear Amy:** My boyfriend and I have been together for over three years. After a year, we moved in together. I was buying a house, and he would sell his house and move in with me and my two teenagers.

Prior to buying the house, we reviewed our finances.

I was aghast at not only how in debt he was, but at the realization that it didn't seem to bother him. He has $60K in unsecured debt and has since had his wages garnished.

He hasn't fully paid his taxes from 2018, so far this year he still hasn't filed his taxes. I've tried talking to him, letting him know filing taxes is not optional.

Aside from his financial woes, he is the most caring and kind human I've ever met.

He may not be financially sound, but he is an amazing person.

I thought that I could help him learn to be financially responsible, however, any time I try to bring it up, he shuts down. I know he's embarrassed.

How can I help him want to become financially responsible?

Everyone always asks when we are getting married.

I do not want to marry into that type of financial carelessness, but I don't want to "out" him to his friends/family either.

What would be the appropriate response when people ask when we are getting married?

— *Worried*

**Dear Worried:** You two should meet with an experienced accountant, who would review your finances calmy and openly and help him arrive at a reasonable plan to prioritize his financial issues and start to deal with them.

A third neutral party can often make headway where a partner cannot and can also help to negotiate settlements with creditors.

Your guy needs to understand that taking care of his finances is a caring and kind thing to do — it is an extension of his willingness to be a fully-functioning partner.

No, do not marry into this mess. If people ask about marriage, you can simply say, "We haven't decided."

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**Aries (March 21-April 19):** Elaborate plans may be cooking, and you could get caught up in the excitement. Before you take on new responsibilities, take an honest look at whether or not they really fit into your schedule. It's likely necessary for a good outcome.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** An authority figure could be willing to invest in you now. Though you may be flattered by their interest, you might also be intimidated by the idea of a closer relationship with them. There could be trouble, but they may be very helpful to you if their goals truly are aligned with yours.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** You might be able to get all of the intellectual stimulation you want in one of your close relationships today. You could learn something about the other person during a conversation that changes how you see them. Try to be respectful of the risk they took in opening up.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** You might begin to feel like you're being asked to give more than your fair share. You may be reluctant to say anything. However, given that collaborators are acting like you're a key figure in getting things done, your discomfort could be important for them to know about.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Relationships of any kind may run hot and cold for you now. Prioritizing passion will set off something unpredictable or even uncontrollable. You may not be able to entirely resolve this dilemma today, but cultivating your relationship with yourself could help you uncover some insights.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You may be able to make a lot of progress at the moment — as long as you don't have to talk about it. Trying to explain your unique workflow to others could frustrate you. Focus your energy on something that's entirely your domain, where no one else has the right to interfere.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** People in your community may expect a lot from you today. Take a look at what you've led them to expect in the past. You might need to start considering the costs before you say yes. Setting boundaries around how you express yourself can help you find peace in the long run.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You may have to choose between financial security that can come from throwing yourself into your work and the stability of doing what needs to be done at home. When it comes down to it, your finances could cast a crucial vote! If you can focus on your domestic life today, do it.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** People around you may be more interested in socializing with you today, but you could feel like they don't meet your intellectual needs. When you take responsibility for your own satisfaction, you can put less pressure on others to provide it for you. This then gives them room to pleasantly surprise you.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Depending on who you compare yourself to, you could feel either rich or poor. This ambiguity could be frustrating, but it could also be used to your advantage if someone wants a cut of whatever you have. There may be a way for you to maximize the resources you keep.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Close relationships may be frustrating for you now. It might be that you're more relaxed when it comes to what you see as lower-pressure relationships, and then that sets the tone for them to respond to you in a similar way. Look for the impact of what you bring to the table.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** Your hard work behind the scenes today may win the appreciation of those in power. You could still feel overworked — if so, you might need to examine your beliefs about the situation. You might be hoping for emotional rewards beyond what work can reasonably give you.

# TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On Oct. 28, 1636,** the General Court of Massachusetts passed a legislative act establishing Harvard College.

**In 1858,** Rowland Hussey Macy opened his first New York store at Sixth Avenue and 14th Street in Manhattan.

**In 1914,** medical researcher Jonas Salk was born in New York.

**In 1962,** Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of missile bases in Cuba; in return, the U.S. secretly agreed to remove nuclear missiles from U.S. installations in Turkey.

**In 2002,** American diplomat Laurence Foley was assassinated in front of his house in Amman, Jordan.

**In 2013,** Penn State said it would pay $59.7 million to 26 young men over claims of child sexual abuse at the hands of former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky.

# BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

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## SUDOKU

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Level: 1 2 3 **4**

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk*.

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## WORD SEARCH

### Wordsearch: can you hear me?

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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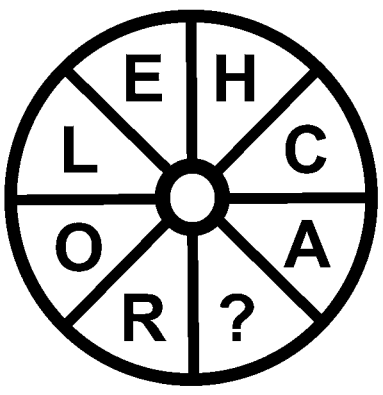


Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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## TV CROSSWORD

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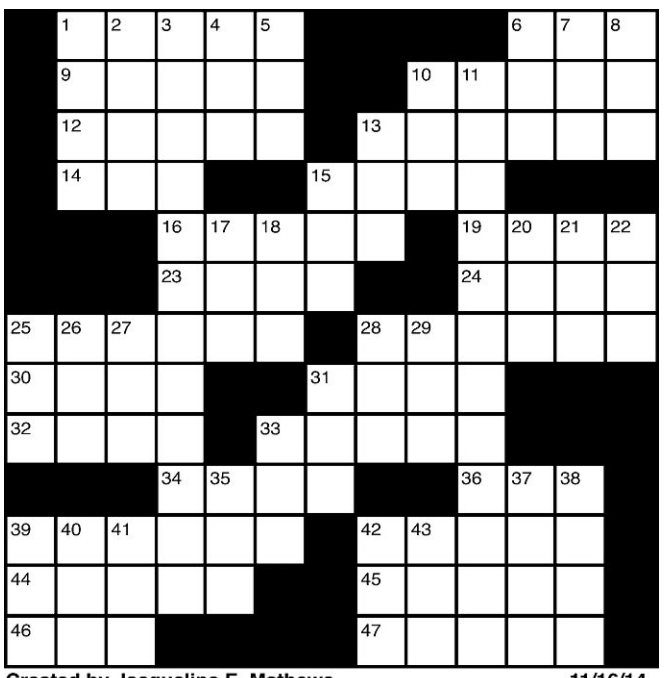

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**ACROSS**
1 Actor __ Van Peebles
6 "__ Life to Live"
9 "The __ and the Ecstasy"
10 Lesley of "60 Minutes"
12 "__ Without a Cause"; James Dean movie
13 Singer Bailey's namesakes
14 Crime drama series
15 Actor Matthew __ Gubler
16 Mr. Spock's original portrayer
19 Cheryl or Diane
23 Sudden attack
24 "The __"; Gregory Peck horror movie
25 Actress Ryder
28 "Out of __"; Meryl Streep film
30 Grouchy person
31 "Star __: Voyager"
32 Destiny
33 Disney classic about a fawn
34 Tatum O'Neal's dad
36 Org. for Lakers and Celtics
39 "Welcome Back, __"
42 Pick-me-up
44 Minimum
45 Actress __ Dunne
46 Actor on "The A-Team"
47 Deep pit

**DOWN**
1 Artist Chagall
2 Grows older
3 "Good Morning America" anchor
4 Ending for Paul or Max
5 Popeye's Olive
6 Crew member's need
7 Org. for Blackhawks and Canadiens
8 Golfer Ernie __
10 "Voyage to the Bottom of the __"
11 Actor on "Chicago Fire"
13 Use a crowbar
15 "Children of a Lesser __"; Marlee Matlin movie
17 Actor McKellen
18 Farrow or Kirshner
20 "What Kind of Fool __?"
21 Last calendar page: abbr.
22 FBI crime lab evidence
25 Monogram for comedian/actor/juggler Fields
26 Paul's cousin on "Mad About You"
27 Natalie Cole's dad
28 "The Man with the Golden __"; Frank Sinatra movie
29 Shortest month: abbr.
31 Sunbather's reward
33 Cheers, for one
35 "Are We There __?"; Nia Long film
37 Canisters
38 Highest cards
39 NOP forerunners
40 "...__ the ramparts we watched..."
41 Tit for __
42 Tamera Mowry's twin
43 Sphere; globe

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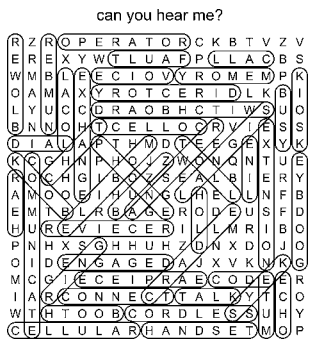

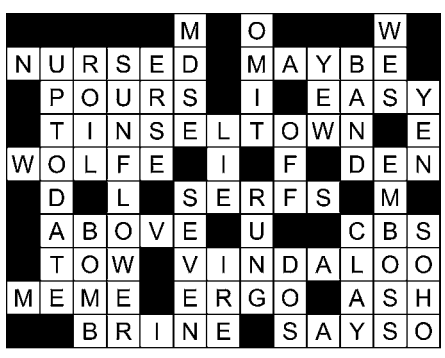

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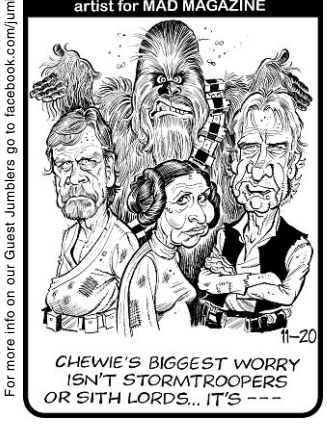
Today's Guest JUMBLER is **TOM RICHMOND** artist for MAD MAGAZINE

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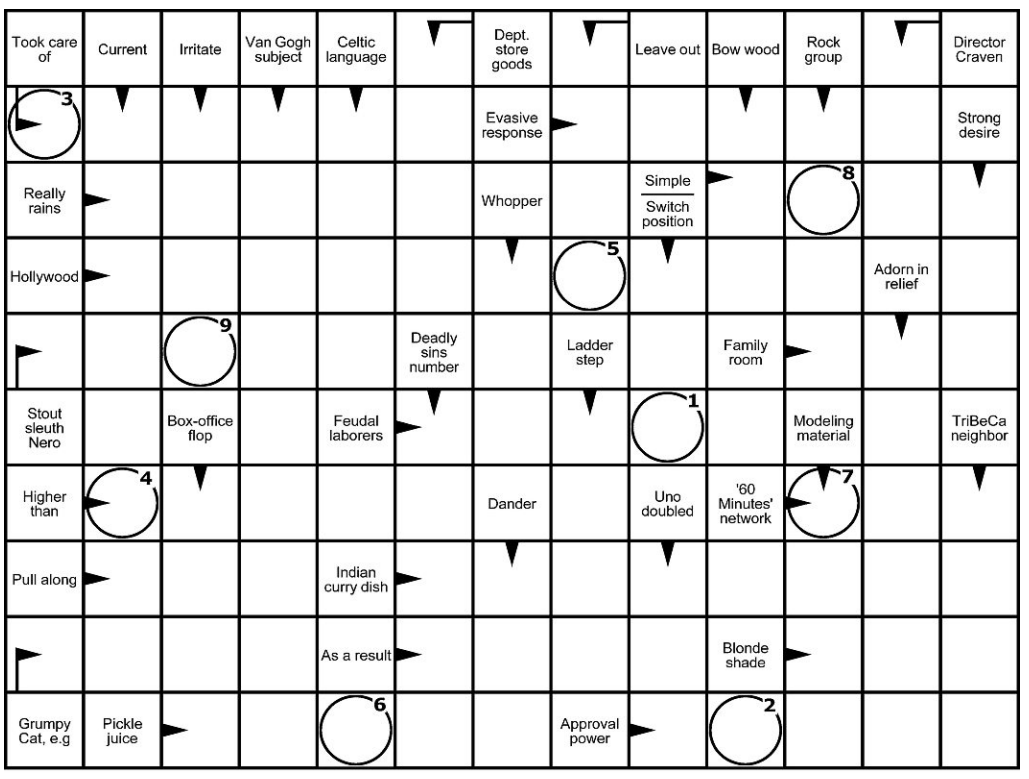
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

**Print your answer here:**

Jumbles: ABATE SLASH HARDER DRIVEL
Answer: Chewie's biggest worry isn't Stormtroopers or Sith Lords...It's — HAIRBALLS

## ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

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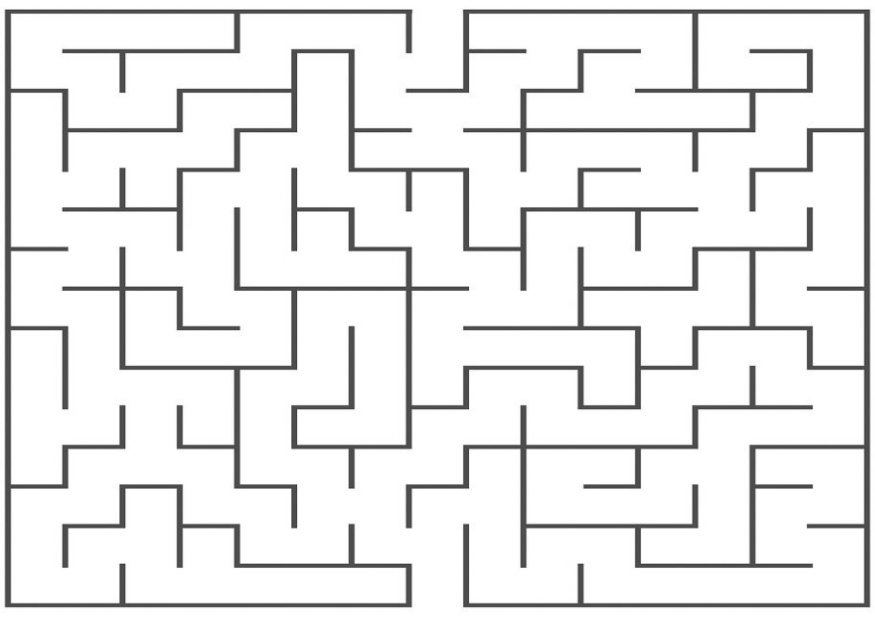
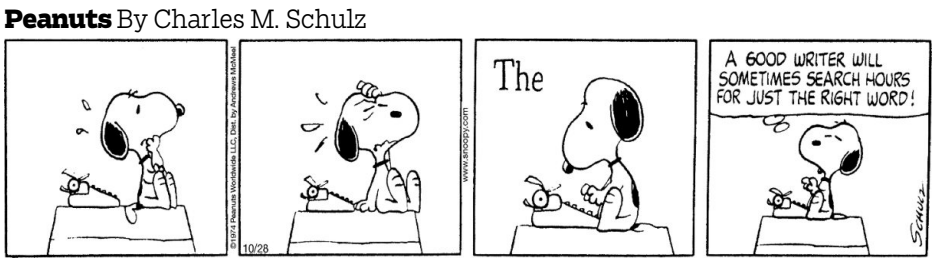
## KIDNEWS FUN & GAMES



Find 10 differences between two mirrored pictures.

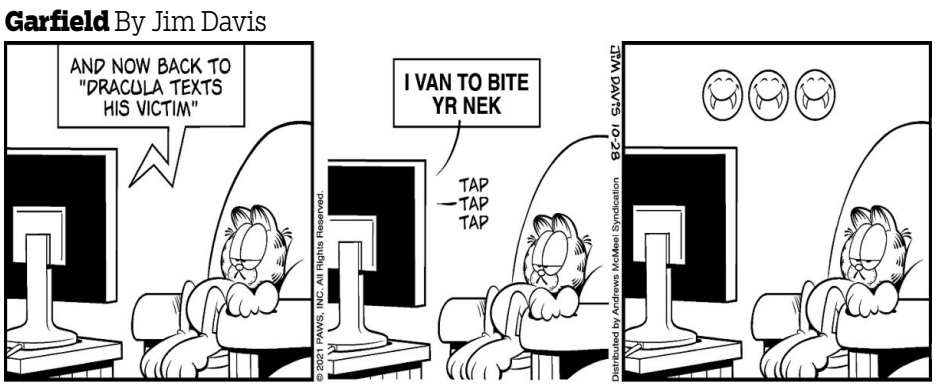
**Peanuts** By Charles M. Schulz



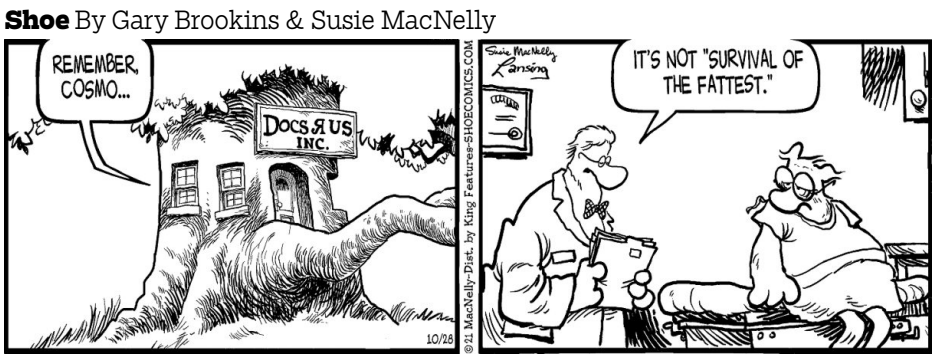

**Classic Doonesbury** By Garry Trudeau

ELMONT? YOU STILL THERE, BUDDY?
YES, MARK, AND I'M STANDING NEXT TO A NEW YORK DELEGATE, DRESSED CASUALLY IN A PEARL GRAY DONNA KARAN ENSEMBLE!
HELLO, LADY, I'M ELMONT DOE FOR FOX NEWS! WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS WHY THE PARTY HAS ABANDONED THE PRIDE OF OUR CITY STREETS — THE SANITY-CHALLENGED?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO EXPERIENCE CHRONIC MOOD SWINGS? DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HEAR A VOICE IN YOUR HEAD FOR DAYS RUNNING?
UH... ELMONT, THAT'S JUST ME.
THERE IT IS AGAIN!
SECURITY!

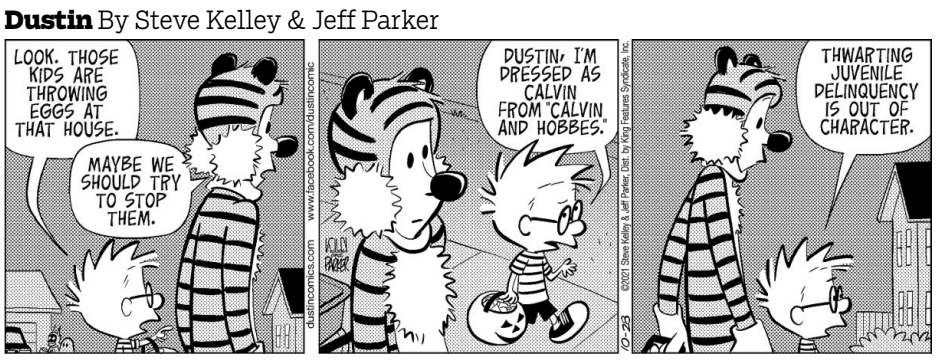
**Garfield** By Jim Davis




**Shoe** By Gary Brookins & Susie MacNelly



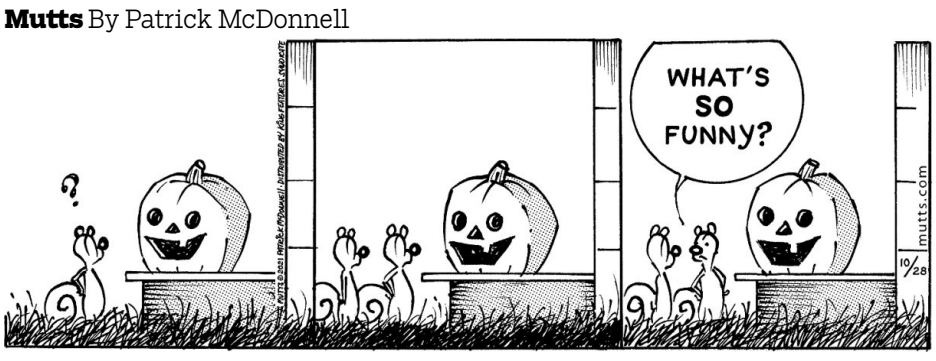

**Dustin** By Steve Kelley & Jeff Parker


LOOK. THOSE KIDS ARE THROWING EGGS AT THAT HOUSE.
MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY TO STOP THEM.
DUSTIN, I'M DRESSED AS CALVIN FROM "CALVIN AND HOBBES."
THWARTING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IS OUT OF CHARACTER.

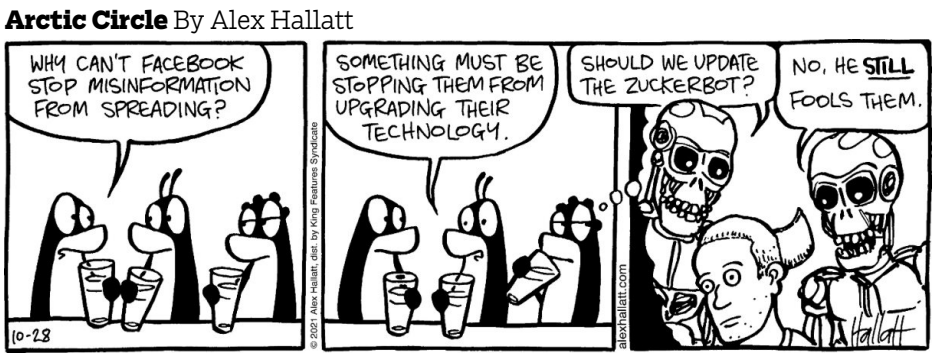
**Pearls Before Swine** By Stephan Pastis

TRICK OR TREAT.
HEY, GREAT COSTUME. ARE YOU A RAILROAD HOBO?
NO, I'M JUST HOMELESS. BUT I THOUGHT I'D TRY TO GET SOMETHING TO EAT ON THE ONE DAY PEOPLE ARE OPEN TO STRANGERS SOLICITING THEM.
EVER FEEL LIKE RETHINKING EVERYTHING?
HEY, WHAT'D YOU DO WITH ALL THE FOOD IN OUR PANTRY?

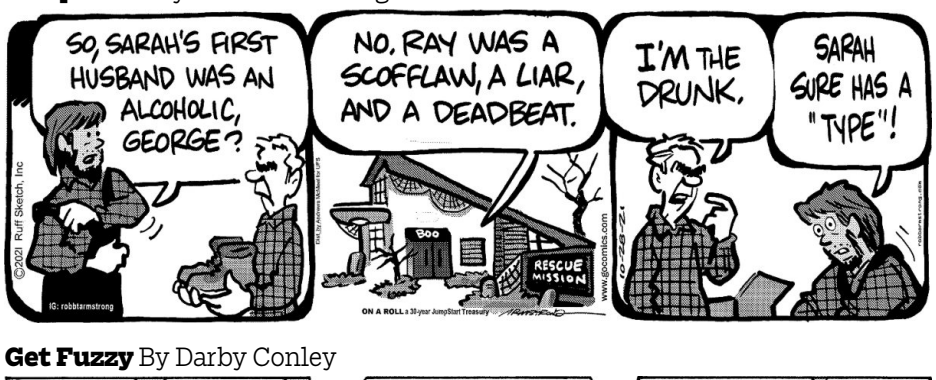
**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



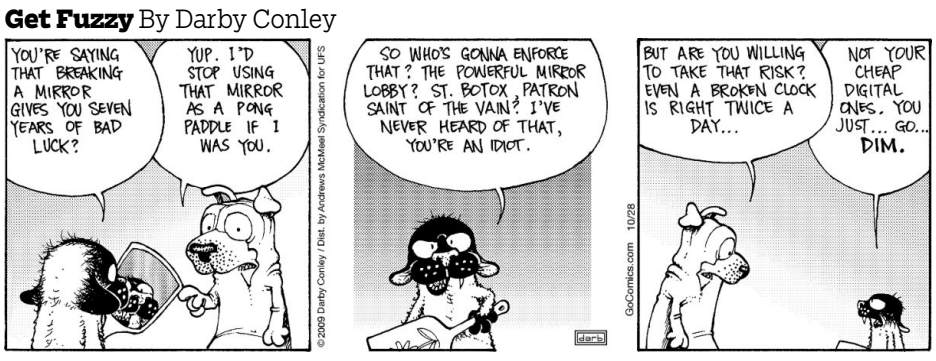

**Arctic Circle** By Alex Hallatt


WHY CAN'T FACEBOOK STOP MISINFORMATION FROM SPREADING?
SOMETHING MUST BE STOPPING THEM FROM UPGRADING THEIR TECHNOLOGY.
SHOULD WE UPDATE THE ZUCKERBOT?
NO, HE STILL FOOLS THEM.

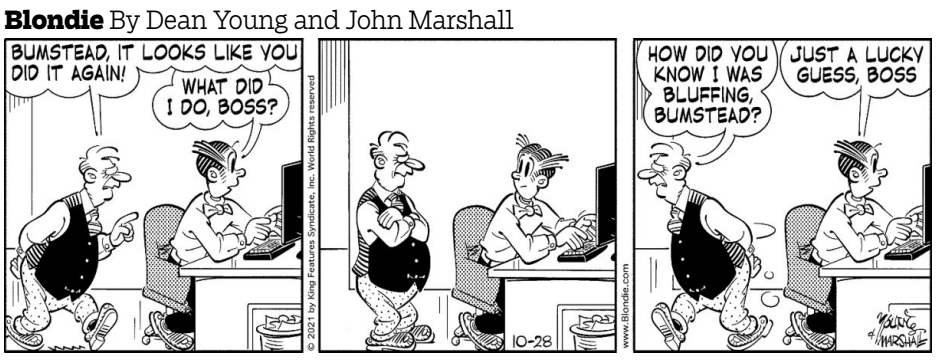
**Jump Start** By Robb Armstrong


SO, SARAH'S FIRST HUSBAND WAS AN ALCOHOLIC, GEORGE?
NO. RAY WAS A SCOFFLAW, A LIAR, AND A DEADBEAT.
I'M THE DRUNK.
SARAH SURE HAS A "TYPE"!
BOO
RESCUE MISSION

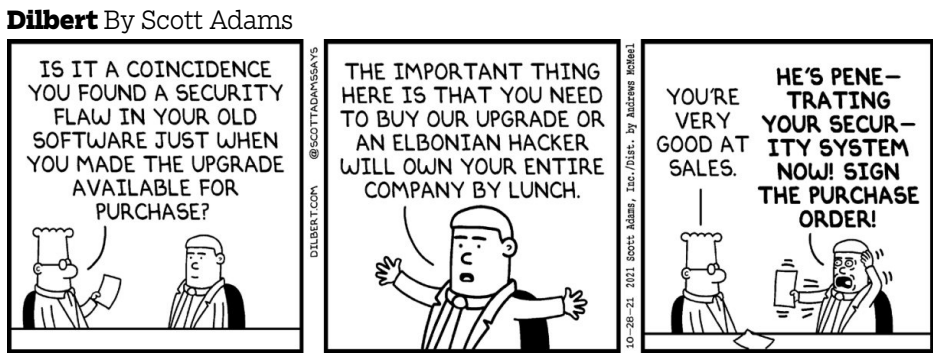
**Get Fuzzy** By Darby Conley


YOU'RE SAYING THAT BREAKING A MIRROR GIVES YOU SEVEN YEARS OF BAD LUCK?
YUP. I'D STOP USING THAT MIRROR AS A PONG PADDLE IF I WAS YOU.
SO WHO'S GONNA ENFORCE THAT? THE POWERFUL MIRROR LOBBY? ST. BOTOX, PATRON SAINT OF THE VAIN? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT, YOU'RE AN IDIOT.
BUT ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE THAT RISK? EVEN A BROKEN CLOCK IS RIGHT TWICE A DAY...
NOT YOUR CHEAP DIGITAL ONES. YOU JUST... GO... DIM.

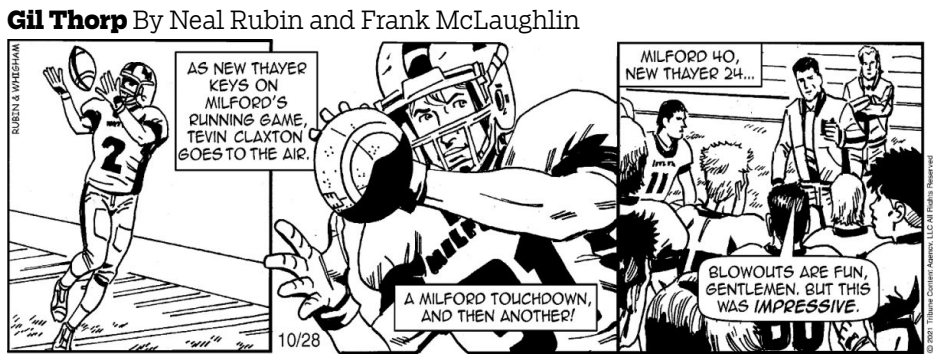
**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall




**Dilbert** By Scott Adams


IS IT A COINCIDENCE YOU FOUND A SECURITY FLAW IN YOUR OLD SOFTWARE JUST WHEN YOU MADE THE UPGRADE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE?
THE IMPORTANT THING HERE IS THAT YOU NEED TO BUY OUR UPGRADE OR AN ELBONIAN HACKER WILL OWN YOUR ENTIRE COMPANY BY LUNCH.
YOU'RE VERY GOOD AT SALES.
HE'S PENE-TRATING YOUR SECUR-ITY SYSTEM NOW! SIGN THE PURCHASE ORDER!

**Gil Thorp** By Neal Rubin and Frank McLaughlin


AS NEW THAYER KEYS ON MILFORD'S RUNNING GAME, TEVIN CLAXTON GOES TO THE AIR.
A MILFORD TOUCHDOWN, AND THEN ANOTHER!
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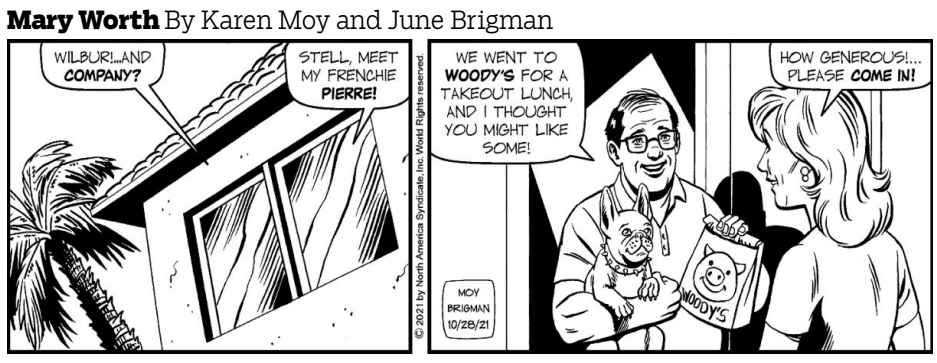
MILFORD 40, NEW THAYER 24...
BLOWOUTS ARE FUN, GENTLEMEN. BUT THIS WAS IMPRESSIVE.

**Mary Worth** By Karen Moy and June Brigman


WILBUR!...AND COMPANY?
STELL, MEET MY FRENCHIE PIERRE!
WE WENT TO WOODY'S FOR A TAKEOUT LUNCH, AND I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE SOME!
HOW GENEROUS!... PLEASE COME IN!
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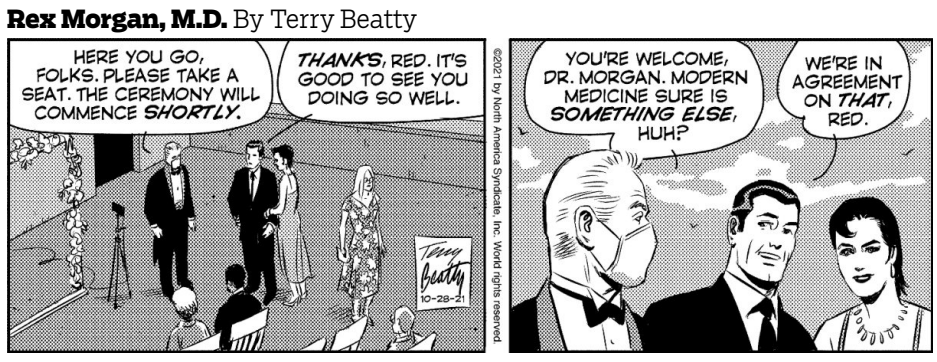
**Rex Morgan, M.D.** By Terry Beatty


HERE YOU GO, FOLKS. PLEASE TAKE A SEAT. THE CEREMONY WILL COMMENCE SHORTLY.
THANKS, RED. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU DOING SO WELL.
YOU'RE WELCOME, DR. MORGAN. MODERN MEDICINE SURE IS SOMETHING ELSE, HUH?
WE'RE IN AGREEMENT ON THAT, RED.
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**Judge Parker** By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley

HOW LONG ARE YOU STAYING, NEDDY?
LIKE YOU, AS LONG AS ABBEY NEEDS US...
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"I HAVE SOMEONE LOOKING AFTER MY PLACE WHILE I'M AWAY."
KAT, WE NEED TO TALK.
WHY DO WE HAVE TO CHECK ON THIS PLACE? NEDDY DOESN'T HAVE A PET. SHE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE PLANTS.

**Baldo** By Cantu and Castellanos

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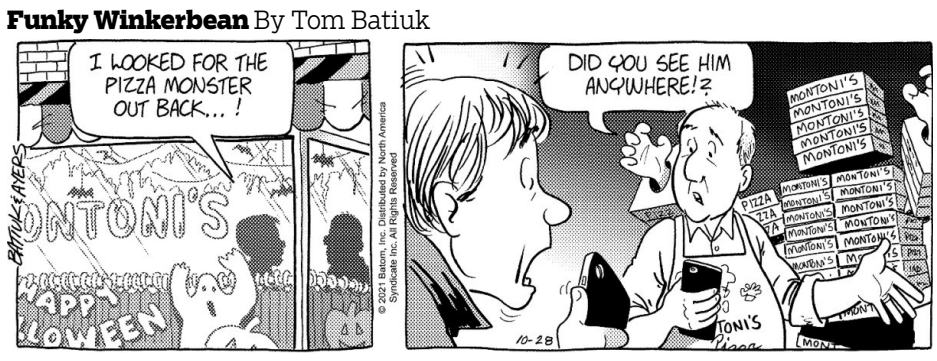


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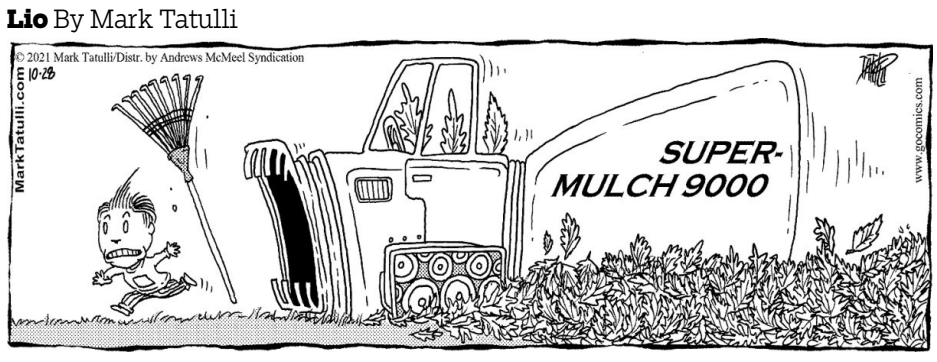


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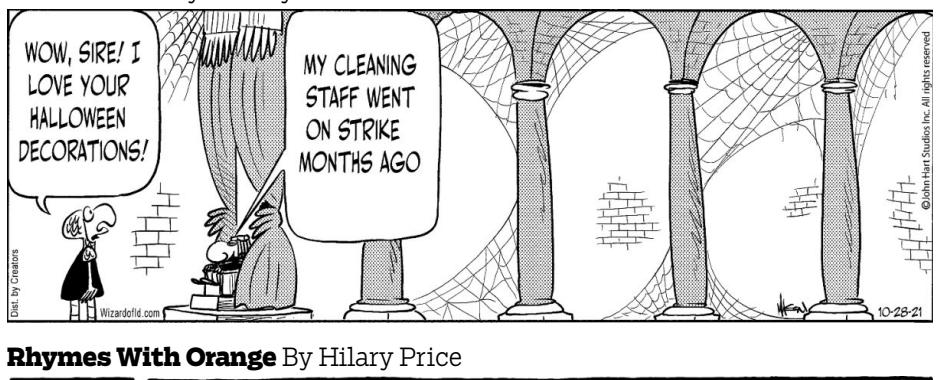
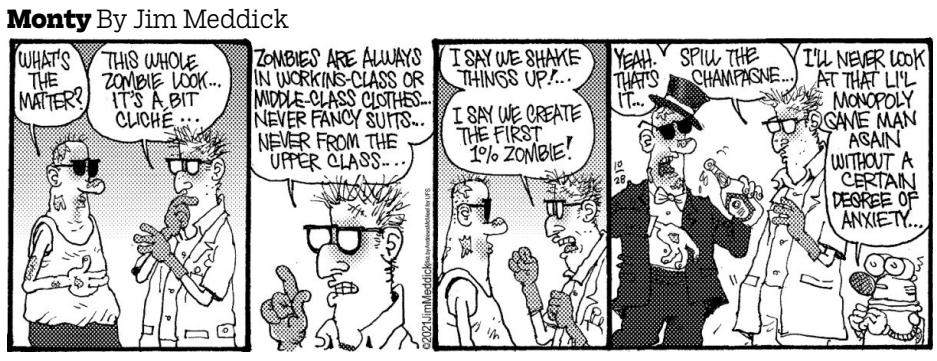


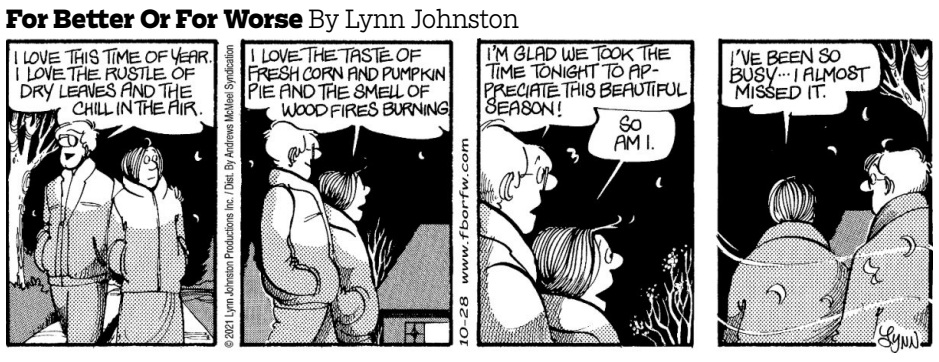

**Rhymes With Orange** By Hilary Price

THE SESSION
As far as marital aids, I often recommend a balloon and a rug.
THE SPARK BETWEEN US? I THINK IT WAS JUST STATIC CLING.
GET A PRINT AT RHYMESWITHORANGE.COM

**Monty** By Jim Meddick


WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THIS WHOLE ZOMBIE LOOK... IT'S A BIT CLICHÉ...
ZOMBIES ARE ALWAYS IN WORKING-CLASS OR MIDDLE-CLASS CLOTHES... NEVER FANCY SUITS... NEVER FROM THE UPPER CLASS...
I SAY WE SHAKE THINGS UP!...
I SAY WE CREATE THE FIRST 1% ZOMBIE!
YEAH. THAT'S IT...
SPILL THE CHAMPAGNE...
I'LL NEVER LOOK AT THAT LI'L MONOPOLY GAME MAN AGAIN WITHOUT A CERTAIN DEGREE OF ANXIETY...

**For Better Or For Worse** By Lynn Johnston


I LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR. I LOVE THE RUSTLE OF DRY LEAVES AND THE CHILL IN THE AIR.
I LOVE THE TASTE OF FRESH CORN AND PUMPKIN PIE AND THE SMELL OF WOOD FIRES BURNING
I'M GLAD WE TOOK THE TIME TONIGHT TO APPRECIATE THIS BEAUTIFUL SEASON!
SO AM I.
I'VE BEEN SO BUSY... I ALMOST MISSED IT.
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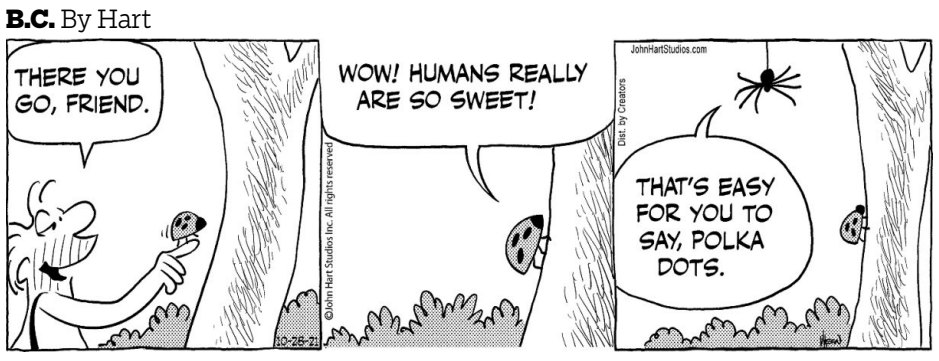
THERE YOU GO, FRIEND.
WOW! HUMANS REALLY ARE SO SWEET!
THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, POLKA DOTS.
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**Beetle Bailey** by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker

TRY THIS
WHY DO I HAVE TO?
I NEVER TASTE MY OWN COOKING
THAT EXPLAINS A LOT
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GREG+MORT WALKER

**Hi & Lois** By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne

**Hagar The Horrible** By Chris Browne

HAGAR, MOTHER WILL BE STAYING THE NIGHT!
OK. SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR BED!
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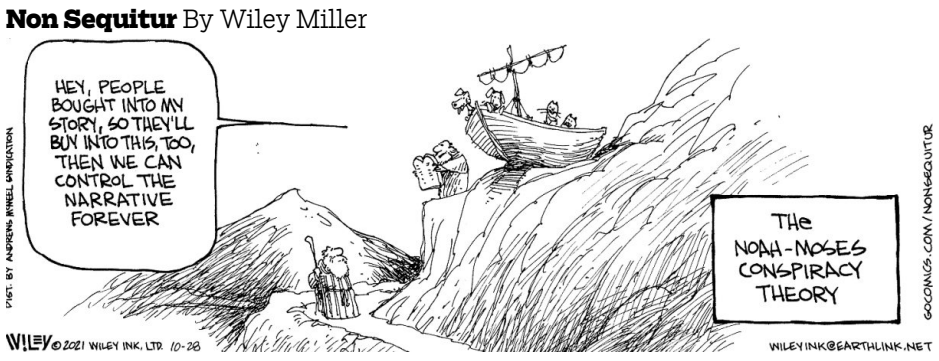
SNERT!
BROWNE

**Non Sequitur** By Wiley Miller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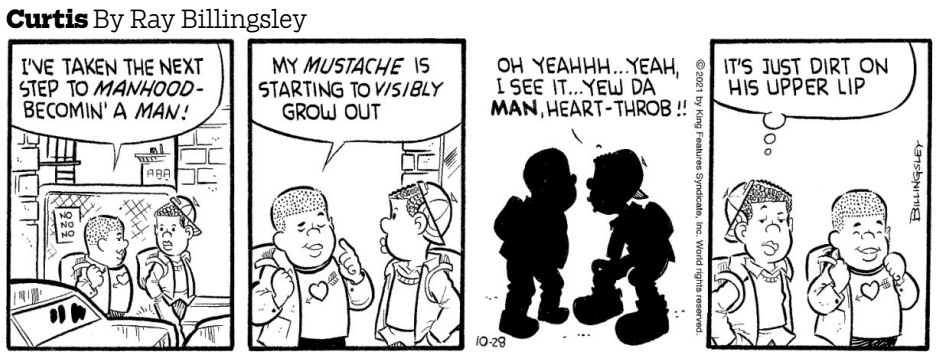
I'VE TAKEN THE NEXT STEP TO MANHOOD- BECOMIN' A MAN!
MY MUSTACHE IS STARTING TO VISIBLY GROW OUT
OH YEAHHH...YEAH, I SEE IT...YEW DA MAN, HEART-THROB!!
IT'S JUST DIRT ON HIS UPPER LIP
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**Pickles** By Brian Crane

OPAL! I CAN'T FIND MY JUMPSUIT! DID YOU TAKE IT?
YOU BETTER NOT HAVE THROWN IT OUT!!
DON'T GET ALL WORKED UP! I DIDN'T THROW IT OUT!
YOU WERE RIGHT, IT REALLY IS VERY COMFORTABLE.
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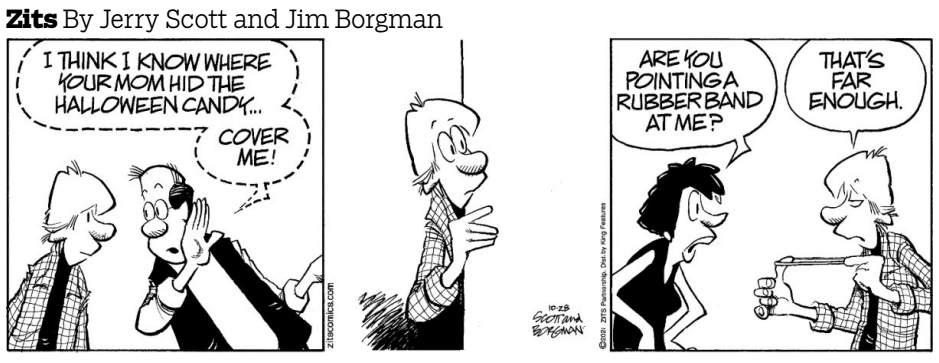
I THINK I KNOW WHERE YOUR MOM HID THE HALLOWEEN CANDY...
COVER ME!
ARE YOU POINTING A RUBBER BAND AT ME?
THAT'S FAR ENOUGH.
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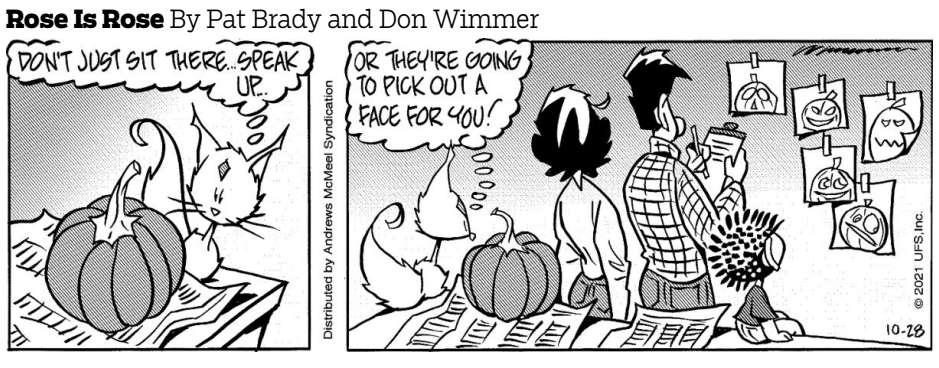
DON'T JUST SIT THERE...SPEAK UP.
OR THEY'RE GOING TO PICK OUT A FACE FOR YOU!
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**Mother Goose And Grimm** By Mike Peters

# CROSSWORD

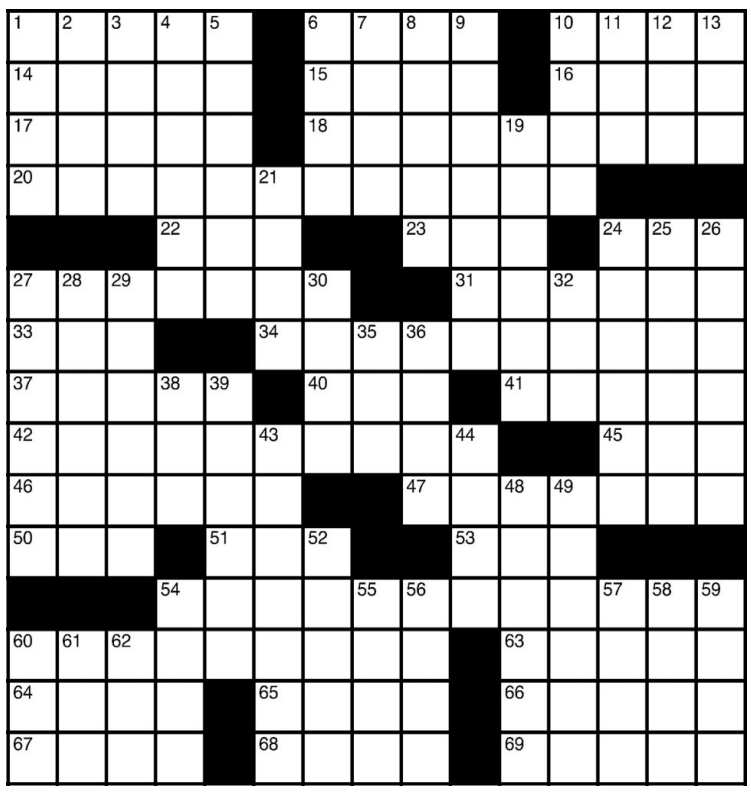
EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

**Across**

1 Lose it
6 Winner of 22 Grand Slam singles titles, second-most in the Open Era
10 Not talk, with "up"
14 Gulf State native
15 Jedi who lived to be 900
16 Dance with a chair
17 Ice shelf breakaways
18 Relaxing melodies
20 Retiree's investment goal
22 __4: Toyota SUV
23 Happy eating word
24 ABC early show, briefly
27 Wandered
31 Eclipse shadows
33 Kung __ shrimp
34 Performers in cages
37 River in the Congo
40 Female in a field
41 Loyal subject
42 Cornell's "Far Above Cayuga's Waters" and others
45 Hobbyist's buy
46 It often follows a crash
47 Overthrows
50 Federal benefits org. founded under FDR
51 Hit hard
53 Write "ere" for this answer, say
54 "Mona Lisa" and "Guernica" ... and, in a different way, the last words of 20-, 34- and 42-Across
60 Debate provision
63 Spice native to Indonesia
64 Hide in the shadows, say
65 "Garfield" dog
66 Southend-on-Sea's county
67 Movie "Citizen"
68 Parallel __
69 Snookums

**Down**

1 East Asian desert
2 It can be a good sign
3 Designer Jacobs
4 Wool from a rabbit
5 Sudden loss of courage
6 Where to see rats and reps
7 Cheer
8 Fancify
9 What many pop songs end with
10 Buddy
11 __ Altos, California
12 Jackie's second
13 Big __
19 Me or you or a dog named Boo
21 Daredevil Knievel
24 Early Olympians
25 Name related to Peggy
26 Gems, for example
27 Pickles on a plate, often
28 Puts on hold, as an agenda item
29 Wandering vacuum
30 What you eat
32 Fat meas.
35 Part of IOU
36 Uncool one who lately is sort of cool
38 Philosopher __-tzu
39 Seeing no evil?
43 Not moving
44 Flow slowly
48 Having a tag on it, maybe
49 Unsettling closing words
52 Site of the Cave of Zeus, in myth: Abbr.
54 Put together
55 Kuwaiti ruler
56 Give a strong impression (of)
57 __ Nostra
58 Even one time
59 Like some knockouts
60 Rockies bugler
61 Sine __ non
62 Coffee hour sight



By Jerry Edelstein — Tribune Content Agency 10/28/21

# BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 7 6
♥ A J 9 3
♦ A J 7
♣ 9 6 4

WEST
♠ K J 9 8 3
♥ 8
♦ 10 8 6 2
♣ K 7 5

EAST
♠ A 4 2
♥ 6 5 2
♦ 9 5 4
♣ Q 10 8 3

SOUTH
♠ 10 5
♥ K Q 10 7 4
♦ K Q 3
♣ A J 2

The bidding:

| East | South | West | North |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pass | 1 ♥ | 1 ♠ | 3 ♥ |
| 3 ♠ | 4 ♥ | | |

Opening lead — eight of spades.

## Improvisation, the ultimate weapon

Most readers dislike fancy hands, preferring instead those that are simple, interesting and instructive.

But in some deals, only a "fancy" play can do the job, and today's deal provides a case in point.

West led a spade, won by East with the ace after dummy followed low. East then shifted to the three of clubs, on which South played low, forcing West to win with the king.

West now tackled a new suit, returning a low diamond, but by this time, the damage had already been done.

Declarer won the diamond with the king, drew trump and then led the spade ten toward the Q-7.

West took his king, and declarer easily scored the rest of the tricks to bring the contract home.

However, South would have gone down one against better defense. The turning point came at trick two, when East should have returned the ten of clubs instead of the three! Had he done that, it would have been impossible for declarer to make the contract. If South covers with the jack, which is the best he can do, West takes his king and returns a club, and declarer eventually loses two spades and two clubs.

How can East know to lead the ten of clubs rather than a low one at trick two? This would appear to be an abnormal play, since the standard lead with a holding as such Q-10-8-3 is the three (fourth best). But the presence of the 9-x-x in dummy necessitates that East alter the standard practice, as it protects against South holding the A-J-x or K-J-x. In these two cases, the defenders will score two club tricks after the ten is returned, but only one if a low club is led.

The deal provides an illustration of why one doesn't play bridge by rote. Following general rules will win in the long run, but a serious bridge player reserves the right to figure things out for himself.

**Tomorrow:** Test your play.

# JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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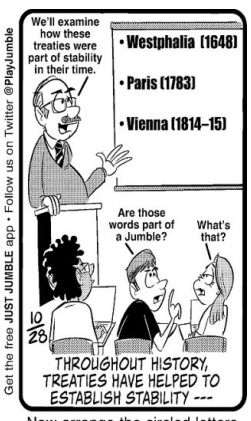
CGEYA

OELPEP

NACCEH


We'll examine how these treaties were part of stability in their time.
• Westphalia (1648)
• Paris (1783)
• Vienna (1814–15)
Are those words part of a Jumble?
What's that?
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THROUGHOUT HISTORY, TREATIES HAVE HELPED TO ESTABLISH STABILITY ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____" _____ "_____"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLUNT SPELL PURELY UNJUST
Answer: When the #1-ranked team lost to the underdog, some fans were — UPSET BY THE UPSET

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## TODAY'S SUDOKU

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| 1 | | | | 3 | | 9 | | |
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| | | | | 7 | 2 | | 9 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | 4 | 6 | 1 | 5 | | | | |
| | 2 | | | 8 | 5 | | | 1 |
| | | 3 | | 9 | | | | 2 |
| 8 | | | | | | | 4 | |

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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| 6 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| 5 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| 8 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 4 |
| 7 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
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| 3 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 2 |

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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| D | E | R | | | S | O | A | P | Y | | I | C | E | E |

**Zippy** — "MAKING THE CUT" — Bill Griffith

IF I HAD DIFFERENT HAIR I'D BE RICH AND FAMOUS!
IF I HAD DIFFERENT HAIR I'D BE RICH AND FAMOUS!
DIFFERENT HAIR! DIFFERENT HAIR! DIFFERENT HAIR!
DIFFERENT HAIR! DIFFERENT HAIR! DIFFERENT HAIR!
I'M CONCERNED THAT YOU TWO HAVE BEEN SPENDING WAY TOO MUCH TIME WITH YOUTUBE INFLUENCERS!
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**NCAA** GENDER EQUITY

# Report shows wide spending gap

## NCAA spent about $1,700 less for every women's championship participant than men's, excluding basketball

Associated Press

The NCAA spends more on average on male athletes than female ones, particularly when it comes to the "mere handful of championships" viewed as revenue sources, according to a new report.

The law firm hired by the NCAA to investigate equity issues released its 153-page report Tuesday night, which includes a series of recommendations to improve the gap among all sports tournaments. It's the second report from the firm, following its Aug. 3 one that recommended how to equalize men's and women's basketball tournaments.

The NCAA has implemented some of those, including allowing the women's tournament to use the term "March Madness."

"The same structural and cultural issues that impact Division I basketball pervade the NCAA and have shaped its treatment of other championships," the report said. "The NCAA membership's heavy reliance on the money it receives from NCAA revenue distributions has placed pressure on the NCAA to maximize that revenue and minimize spending so that more funds can be distributed to the membership."

Tuesday's report shows spending per Division I and national championship participants, excluding basketball, was about $1,700 less for women's participants than men's in 2018-19. The NCAA spent $4,285 per men's participant versus $2,588 per women's participant.

The gap is even greater in the six single-gender sports like wrestling and beach volleyball — $2,229 more per student-athlete for the men's championships than for the women's.

The review also found that sports with combined their championships have fared better on gender equality.

"We have seen that combining at least some portion of the men's and women's championship for a given sport enables more coordinated planning, increases equity

***Turn to NCAA,*** *Page 4*

**PATRIOTS**

# Henry looks to keep up the good work against his old team

**By Kyle Hightower**
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Other than the sunny weather he left behind, a year later Hunter Henry is feeling just fine about his decision to leave the Los Angeles Chargers to join the New England Patriots.

As the tight end prepares to head to California to face his former team this week, Henry said he only has good memories about the franchise that drafted him in 2016.

"Obviously, they gave me an opportunity in this league, took a chance on me and drafted me," Henry said Wednesday. "So I'll always have a lot of appreciation for them. Who knows where I would be?"

Henry spent his first five years with the Chargers, moving with them from San Diego to Los Angeles in his second season. He was a key contributor to offenses led by

***Turn to Patriots,*** *Page 2*

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**WORLD SERIES** GAME 2

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# A LOT ON HIS PLATE

The Astros' Jose Siri scores a run as Max Fried of the Braves reacts during the second inning of Game 2 of the World Series on Wednesday at Minute Maid Park in Houston. The game was not over in time for this edition. **For the result, go to courant.com/sports**

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL**

# Southington senior pulls double duty as starting QB, high-ranked kicker

**By Lori Riley**
Hartford Courant

SOUTHINGTON — Jack Barnum's parents played soccer in college. Jack and his older sister played soccer, too. But growing up in Southington, there was something about football that called to him.

"Something told me to play football here," Barnum said. "So I did."

Barnum, a senior, is in his first year at starting quarterback at Southington High (5-1). He has thrown for over 1,000 yards and has 12 touchdown passes. But — in a nod to his soccer background — he's also one of the best kickers in the state. He's ranked 90th nationally in the class of 2022 by Chris Sailer Kicking, one of the top kicking and punting camps in the country.

"You sometimes can have [a quarterback who is a kicker], but what level of kicker are they?" Southington football coach Mike Drury said. "To have a guy who's a legit kicker and a high school quarterback — you don't see that that often."

Southington's Jack Barnum (16) looks to throw during a football game against Hall High in West Hartford on Oct. 1.
JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

Barnum played youth football then gave up the sport for a few years, switching to all soccer in middle school. After soccer practice, his mother still found him out on the football field across from his house.

"I was kind of surrounded by soccer when I grew up," Barnum said. "I played a little football here and there. It was a lot of soccer.

He made the final switch in high school.

"Then going up to the high school, you would always hear when you were younger about Southington football. Freshman year, I came in, it was like, 'Who can kick the ball, who can kick the ball?' I always enjoyed playing soccer, so kicking was kind of something I did and it was a lot of fun."

His longest field goal — a 45-yarder — came Oct. 1 against unbeaten Hall to give Southington a four-point lead in the first half. He also kicked a 32-yard field goal to tie the score at halftime, but Southington ending up losing 27-19.

Last Friday in a 42-6 win over Manchester, Barnum had a kickoff that went 70 yards through the crossbars, something he always wanted to do. He's hit the crossbar on a 60-yard field goal in practice.

He kicked his freshman year and was the backup quarterback and became the varsity kicker as a sophomore and the JV quarterback. The summer of his junior

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Safety Tip of the Day

Even if your child is no longer an infant, a baby monitor can still come in handy. Use this gadget to listen in for signs of choking when children are playing in another room.

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# SPORTS

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**GIANTS**

## Judge wants pending free agent Peppers to stick around

**By Pat Leonard**
New York Daily News

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Joe Judge said Wednesday that he wants impending free agent safety Jabrill Peppers to remain a Giant and that he's told Peppers that himself.

"This guy is in a contract year," Judge said. "It's something I've talked to him about directly. He's a guy that I value a lot in this program. I'd love to have this guy going forward. I've told him that directly. He's been a very good leader for us."

Peppers, 26, told the Daily News on Oct. 15 that he didn't want to leave, either, nine days before he ruptured his right ACL against the Panthers.

"I'm here to stay. I wanna win," Peppers said then, with the trade deadline looming. "So that's where my mind is."

Peppers, who is now out for the season, could choose to sign somewhere he will play more in the spring.

The Giants reduced the safety's playing time on defense significantly this season, from 98% of their 2020 snaps when healthy to 56% this fall.

But Judge said he views Peppers, a defensive captain and East Orange, N.J., native, as a critical part of this team's core and identity.

"You can talk about him being local, that the Giants mean something to him," Judge said. "I think that's very important. He's a guy that loves football, he loves this organization, he loves this area. Those are things we talk about building as cornerstones and pillars of this program. And he's a very important part of our program."

Peppers shouldn't be expensive in free agency given his struggles in pass coverage and his injury. So that could help Judge's cause to retain him. But it will be up to the player.

Peppers' final media availability prior to the Carolina game was tense. It wasn't the first time he'd come off visibly frustrated, definitely with the team's constant losing, and possibly with his limited role, too.

Eventually, he reiterated his mindset.

"I just want to win, baby," he said. "I want to make plays, go out there and win ball games."

He hadn't been doing either lately with the Giants, but his coach wants him back. So it will be interesting to see how this shakes out.

**Injury report:** Offensive weapons Kadarius Toney (right ankle), Kenny Golladay (hyperextended right knee), Sterling Shepard (hamstring) and Saquon Barkley (left ankle sprain) all were on the practice field in some fashion on Wednesday, the team said. But the Giants' first official injury report of the week won't come out until Thursday since the Giants aren't playing until Monday night at Kansas City.

There is no reason yet to be optimistic about any of those players returning. Still, Judge said the extended week gives the team extra time to make a call on their statuses. He said Thursday will show the Giants "how much they can do individually, how much they can do in some team periods, what are they able to do when they're out there."

Patriots tight end Hunter Henry runs with the ball during practice Wednesday in Foxborough, Mass. **STEVEN SENNE/AP**

## Patriots

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Philip Rivers and then last year by Justin Herbert.

Henry's consistency — 115 catches and nine touchdowns combined in 2019 and 2020 — attracted the attention of the Patriots, who lured him away in free agency.

Injuries contributed to him getting off to a slow start in New England. He caught 10 passes for 109 yards and no touchdowns in his first three games.

But since then he's found a groove, catching a touchdown pass in four straight games. Henry is within striking distance of the team record for consecutive games with a TD catch, held by Rob Gronkowski (six in 2011).

He's also been active on special teams, making a key block during the opening kickoff last week against the Jets after New York had tried to confuse the Patriots by kicking into the sun.

Henry's block freed up Gunner Olszewski for a 31-yard return. The Patriots turned the good field position into the first of five straight scoring drives in a 54-13 rout.

"It's little things like that that Hunter does that are really kind of, they're little things that become big things," coach Bill Belichick said.

It's a new role for Henry, but one he said he's been embracing.

"I have not done a ton of reps in kickoff return, but when my number's called I try to do as much as I can for this team," he said.

"I'm just trying to win football games. If that means being on kickoff return, whatever they're gonna call on me to do I'm just gonna try to execute on a high level."

For the second straight season, Henry finds himself in the position of helping a franchise break in a rookie quarterback. He developed a good rapport last season with Herbert, who threw for 4,336 yards and 31 TDs.

**Perfect practice attendance:** In football, backup plans are a must. They come in pretty handy during a nor'easter, too.

The Patriots had full attendance at practice Wednesday, meaning everybody answered their alarms despite a number of players dealing with the power outages that affected many in the region.

"I woke up this morning and my lights were off," said first-year Patriot defensive lineman Davon Godchaux. "I'm like, 'What's going on?' I actually called a couple of the other guys. I went outside and the wind was just blowing leaves all over the road and I'm like, 'This is crazy.' "

Fellow defensive lineman Lawrence Guy didn't lose power at his house until he was already at the facility when he got a call from his wife.

"She probably called me at like 9 and was like, 'Hey, the power's off,' " he said. "I'm like, 'Hey, I can't do nothing for you.' "

**Notes:** The Patriots signed linebacker Calvin Munson to the 53-man roster off the Dolphins' practice squad. Munson will help fill the void left by Harvey Langi, who was put on injured reserve. Munson spent parts of 2018 and '19 in New England and is a core special teamer.

James Ferentz, who has played a major role at guard as a practice squad call-up the last three weeks, also was signed to active roster.

Ferentz has been a fixture in New England's offensive line room for the last five seasons, providing valuable depth on the active roster and practice squads.

The club also signed cornerbacks Brian Poole and De'Vante Bausby to their practice squad after both were in for tryouts last week. Coincidentally both played against the Patriots last season, Poole with the Jets and Bausby with the Broncos.

**JETS**

## While waiting on Flacco to arrive, club puts trust in untested QB White

**By Dj Bien-Aime Ii**
New York Daily News

FLORAH PARK, N.J. — Even though the Jets traded for Joe Flacco, Mike White will start against the Bengals on Sunday.

White replaced Zach Wilson — who is out two to four weeks with a sprained PCL — in the second quarter against the Patriots after the rookie QB was slammed by outside linebacker Matthew Judon. Wilson is expected to miss the Bengals and Colts games at a minimum.

White threw for 202 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions in relief of Wilson in the embarrassing 54-13 loss to New England. It was the first time the former Cowboys fifth-round draft pick had ever thrown a pass in the NFL.

With Wilson's injury, there was some thought the Jets would start Flacco instead of White, but head coach Robert Saleh believes in the untested QB out of Western Kentucky.

"We have a lot of faith in Mike," Saleh said. "Mike has done a hell of a job to earn this right to go out there and play on Sunday and show what he's capable of."

Saleh gave a confusing review on the current state of the quarterback situation during his press conference on Wednesday.

The Jets traded a conditional sixth-round pick to the Eagles for Flacco after Wilson's injury was confirmed on Monday. Saleh labeled him a "prolific quarterback," and believes the former Super Bowl champ will help the team.

"It was something that we thought would be beneficial to the entire team especially with Zack being out for two to four weeks," Saleh said. "We felt we needed another quarterback in there to make sure we always have three on the roster."

But when the Jets traded for Flacco on Monday, he notified them he won't show up for practice until Friday, citing personal reasons. And the Jets knew that before they made the trade. He's participating in virtual meetings, though.

So the backup quarterback for Week 8 is Josh Johnson, according to Saleh.

"Josh will be up this week, and he'll be ready to go if he has to step in," Saleh said.

That would make Flacco inactive versus the first-place Bengals (5-2). And Saleh has emphasized that White isn't on a game-by-game evaluation.

"Right now Mike is, obviously, he's starting. We have a lot of faith in him. We think he's going to do a hell of a job."

Saleh was iffy about the possibility that Flacco will start next week on the road against the Colts.

"We'll see how it goes," Saleh said. "See how everything goes with regards to absorbing the offense."

**Injury report:** The Jets have some good news on the injury front. C.J. Mosley, the best defender, fully practiced on Wednesday and looks good to go Sunday against the Bengals. Mosley's presence was missed against the Patriots as Bill Belichick's offense helmed by a rookie QB shredded the Jets defense for 551 yards.

Fellow linebacker Jarrad Davis is also returning from IR. Davis suffered an ankle injury in the second preseason game against the Green Bay Packers.

Jets quarterback Mike White signals during the first half against the Patriots on Sunday in Foxborough, Mass. **STEVEN SENNE/AP**

**KNICKS** LATE TUESDAY

## Walker has best game as a Knick, leading romp past 76ers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With Kemba Walker and Evan Fournier, the New York Knicks can do things they couldn't last season.

Or the three seasons before that.

Walker scored 19 points in his best game with his hometown team and the Knicks snapped a 15-game losing streak against the Philadelphia 76ers with a 112-99 victory Tuesday night.

Fournier added 18 points in the Knicks' first victory over Philadelphia since April 12, 2017, the last game of the 2016-17 season. Julius Randle had 16 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists.

Joel Embiid didn't have a field goal in the first half of his first career loss to the Knicks, who seized control by outscoring Philadelphia 39-16 in the second quarter and improved to 3-1.

"This was a good test for us and it doesn't stop, and we can't feel good about tonight," Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau said. "We have to go to Chicago (on Thursday) and play an undefeated team that's loaded that's playing real well."

Tobias Harris scored 23 points for the 76ers. Embiid finished with 14 points and six rebounds, shooting just 2 for 7. He had been 12-0 in games he played against New York.

"I mean, it's the NBA season. It happens," said Embiid, who was 0 for 5 in the first half.

**KNICKS**

## A classic NBA rivalry may be coming back

**By Stefan Bondy**
New York Daily News

***"... when you watched his game, aesthetically, his shot wasn't pretty but it went in. He was an emotional guy; I loved him, I fought with him. And he's a dear friend now."***

*— Tom Thibodeau, Knicks coach, on Joakim Noah*

NEW YORK — Perhaps the most famous Knicks rivalry can finally be resuscitated from the smoldering ashes of the last 25 years.

The Knicks and Bulls, once warring enemies of the 1990s (albeit one-sided in favor of Michael Jordan), enter Thursday's matchup in Chicago with positive vibes and two of the best records in the Eastern Conference.

It's still way too early to declare these marquee franchises are back, but we're not going to ignore that at least a share of the East's top spot is on the line for the Bulls (4-0) and Knicks (3-1). Both teams were also undefeated in preseason and spent big in free agency, lending legitimacy to their early success.

For the first time in a long time, there are reasons to get excited about New York vs. Chicago in the United Center.

"It's unbelievable. Those guys are playing very, very well," Kemba Walker said. "It's gonna be a dog fight, for sure."

Together, the Knicks and Bulls account for more losses than any other NBA franchises over the previous five seasons. They share one conference finals appearance since the '90s, and just one playoff series victory since 2015.

Beyond the intrigue of a possible revitalized rivalry, there are deep personal connections between personnel. Tom Thibodeau, the Knicks coach, spent five seasons on the Bulls sideline and brought two notable former Bulls to New York: Derrick Rose and Taj Gibson.

In the words of Jimmy Butler, "Thibs getting the band back together."

Not coincidentally, the Bulls are honoring the retired Joakim Noah at Thursday's game, with several former teammates expected to attend. Thibodeau, who coached Noah to his best NBA seasons, waxed poetic about his former player after the Knicks pummeled the Sixers on Tuesday.

"That team resonated with the city, and Jo was the heart and soul of that team," Thibodeau said. "And when you watched his game, aesthetically, his shot wasn't pretty but it went in.

"He was an emotional guy; I loved him, I fought with him. And he's a dear friend now."

Of course, Knick fans had a different impression of Noah based on his disappointing, expensive and controversial-laden stint in New York. He became emblematic of the failures of former executive Phil Jackson, another personality with ties to both the Bulls and Knicks.

The legacies of Noah and Jackson are something else for the Knicks and Bulls to disagree about. On Thursday, they can settle more important things on the court.

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**METS**

# Brewers GM Arnold latest to say no, thanks

## Front-office search continues to flail

**By Deesha Thosar**
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Steve Cohen and the Mets' search to fill a top front-office position is off to a perplexing start.

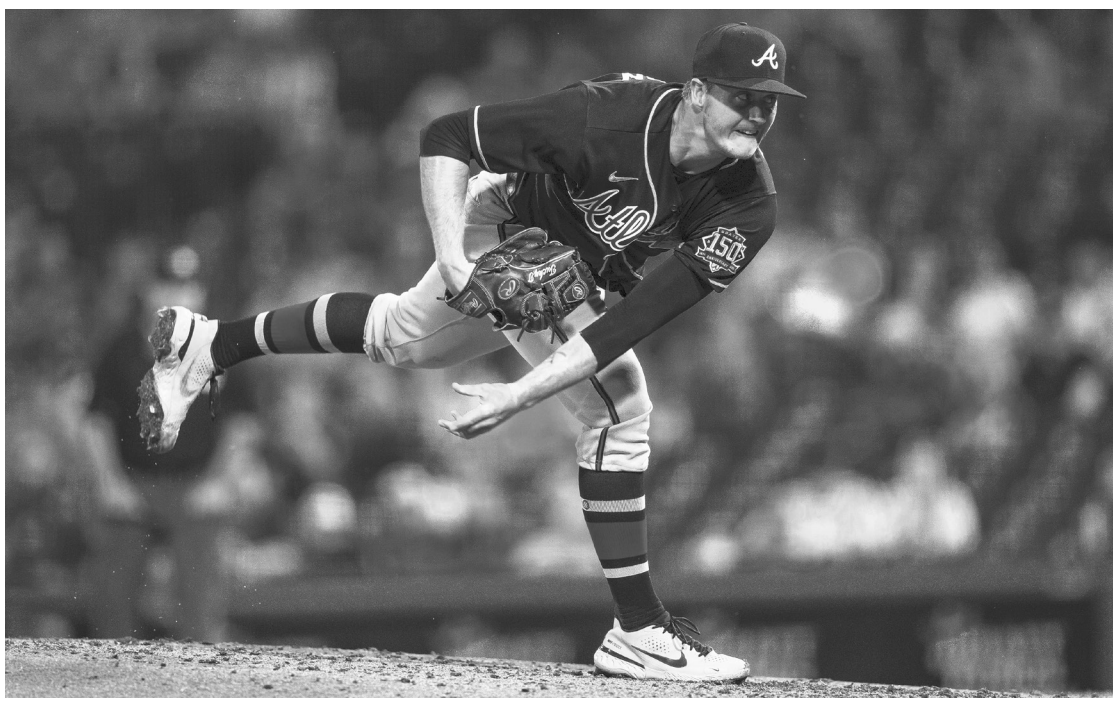
Another president of baseball operations candidate — the fifth if you're keeping track — has been ruled out for the top job. Cohen was interested in hiring Brewers GM Matt Arnold, according to sources, but on Wednesday Arnold withdrew his name from consideration, per multiple reports.

Unlike some of the other executives the Mets targeted for the role, Arnold's potential move to Mets POBO would have been a promotion. Still, Arnold reportedly preferred to continue his work with Milwaukee, where he was promoted to GM in 2020.

Meanwhile for Cohen, the list of front office whiffs is growing. Theo Epstein (former star exec for Red Sox and Cubs), Billy Beane (A's exec VP of ops), David Stearns (Brewers POBO), Scott Harris (Giants GM) and now Arnold (Brewers GM) have all decided, for various individual reasons, not to work for the Mets.

Cohen is said to be handling the bulk of the team's search for a POBO and/or GM, according to multiple sources. This is a variation from how the Mets managed last year's hunt, when team president Sandy Alderson handled the majority of interviews and hiring responsibility. This offseason, Alderson is believed to be mostly sidelined while Cohen leads the process.

The clock is ticking for the Mets to nail down an individual to run the front office. MLB's annual GM meetings begin in two weeks, and the CBA is set to expire in just over a month. If the Mets want to be aggressive, or even just get a scope of the market before a potential lockout, their target date to have a front office structure in place should be by the end of the World Series between the Astros and Braves. That gives Cohen about a week to put who he believes to be the right person in place for success.



Braves starting pitcher Tucker Davidson delivers during a game against the Phillies on June 9 in Philadelphia. **CHRIS SZAGOLA/AP**

**WORLD SERIES**

# For rookie, a whirlwind tour

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Tucker Davidson was in the lobby of a Courtyard Marriott in Gwinnett, Georgia, eating a salad from The Cheesecake Factory and watching the Atlanta Braves play their World Series opener, talking with Triple-A strength coach Paul Howey and Paul Davis, the roving pitching coordinator.

"We were just kind of sitting there, and Charlie went down, and we kind of looked around, like: This is why we're here," Davidson said. "I stayed up, and I kind of had an idea that it might be me. I just had that gut feeling."

His phone rang shortly before 1 a.m. Ben Sestanovich, the Braves' assistant general manager for player development was on the line.

Less than 24 hours later, the 25-year-old rookie left-hander from Amarillo, Texas, a pitcher with just five games of big league experience, was sitting in the interview room of Minute Maid Park, added to Atlanta's World Series roster after Charlie Morton's right fibula was broken in the opening 6-2 win over the Houston Astros.

"I found out, went to the clubhouse about five minutes from the hotel and packed my stuff and just kind of threw everything in the bag," Davidson said. "Then proceeded to unload my car again, because all my stuff from my apartment is in my car. So I just kind of threw everything on the hotel floor and just kind of started packing things."

Davidson took an Uber on Wednesday for the roughly one-hour drive to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and traveled to Houston and put on jersey No. 64.

Hit by Yuli Gurriel's liner, Morton went to Green Bay, Wisconsin, on Wednesday to be examined by Dr. Robert Anderson, a foot and ankle orthopedic specialist.

The Braves put Morton on the injured list and activated Davidson from the 60-day IL.

"He gives us an option for today, if we need him," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "We were dealt a significant blow, and we're just going to have to adjust and fight through it the best we can."

Davidson said it was too late for family to get to Houston, but mom Andrea and aunt Heidi Hanson hope to attend Game 3 on Friday at Atlanta's Truist Park.

"Atlanta would like to sell out tickets in three minutes, so we're kind of battling that," he said. "Can't even find a hotel at this point."

A 19th-round draft pick from Midland College in 2016, Davidson made his big league debut on Sept. 26 last year against Boston, allowing seven runs — two earned — over a 1⅔-inning start that took 99 pitches. After a scoreless first, Bobby Dalbec started the scoring with a two-run homer.

He began this year at Gwinnett, was called up in May and didn't get a decision in a six-inning outing against the Mets. After another start in the minors, he pitched shutout ball against Washington and Philadelphia, then gave up five runs over 2 ⅓ innings against the Red Sox, leaving him with a 3.60 big season ERA.

"Reports were really good how he was throwing, and he feels good," Snitker said. "He did a really nice job for us when he was here the first time."

**WORLD SERIES** NOTES

## Astros rookie center fielder gets start in Game 2

HOUSTON — The only change in Houston's lineup for Game 2 was energetic rookie José Siri in center field instead of Chas McCormick.

Siri's first World Series start came less than two months after making his big league debut Sept. 3 following eight seasons in the minors.

While the 26-year-old Siri played for only the fourth time this postseason, he is always the first guy out of the dugout cheering and jumping around anytime something big happens for the Astros in these playoffs. He once almost knocked down 72-year-old manager Dusty Baker in his haste to celebrate.

**Running option:** Speedy outfielder Terrance Gore is on the World Series roster for the Braves after not being on it for the NL Championship Series, or even playing a regular season game for Atlanta.

With a potential four of seven games being in the American League park and the use of a designated hitter, Gore is part of the roster to be a pinch-runner.

"Just knowing with these games and just adding ... because we didn't use the extra guy that much, as much as I think we thought we would. I just figure that's kind of a nice item to have on the bench in a situation where it is a big run," manager Brian Snitker said.

— *Associated Press*

# Barnum

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year, he started working with former Central Connecticut kicker Ed Groth, now the assistant special teams coach at Southeastern Louisiana University.

"He fine-tuned my technique," Barnum said. "I went from just close field goals to actually being able to extend the range."

Last year when high school football was canceled in the state due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Barnum kept working at his kicking. He went to Las Vegas to a kicking competition where he was a finalist with Adam Vinatieri's son A.J.

He learned a couple things after his first game this season, a 13-7 win over Maloney. First, it's a bad idea to sprint down the field and celebrate a touchdown because then your legs are tired when you have to kick the extra point. He was also mad at himself for missing a field goal.

"I had a chance in the first game to make a game-winner and I still wish I could get that one back but, yeah ... that one still sits in my mind," Barnum said.

Barnum instead threw the winning touchdown pass.

"I was a little disappointed," he said. "I didn't do as well as I wanted to, kicking-wise. But then I started to not think about it. I would think, 'I'm going to play football and we're going to win the game as a team and whatever happens, happens.' "

It helps that if he misses a field goal, he still has a chance to redeem himself on the field.

Barnum has been on college visits to Central Connecticut and Bryant and has a visit coming up with the University of Rhode Island. He went to a private workout at Boston College over the summer and sends the Eagles his game films.

Still, his favorite thing to do is go out on the field and kick.

"It just relieves all the stress," he said. "Put some music on. You're just out here by yourself doing what you love. It's fun."

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Southington's Jack Barnum kicks a field goal during a game against Hall High in West Hartford Oct. 1. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

# NCAA

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in the goods and services, facilities, and resources provided at the championships and eliminates or reduces disparities between the 'look and feel' of the tournaments," the report said.

Another piece of the report shows NCAA doesn't have the infrastructure in place to encourage equal sponsorships at all championships.

"The report identified important recommendations, which we will prioritize and sequence so they can be implemented for impactful change," the NCAA Board of Governors said in a statement on the institution's website. "These changes may require altering budgets and business models while evaluating the balance between resources devoted to championships that produce revenue and resources for those that do not."

The review was done by Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP, which was hired in March after the NCAA failed to provide similar amenities to the teams in the men's and women's Division I basketball tournaments. The situation blew up on social media amid player complaints and prompted apologies from NCAA executives, including President Mark Emmert.

Tuesday's report also recommended:

- Establishing a system for collecting and maintaining standardized data across all 90 championships that will facilitate future gender equity reviews and audits.
- Getting rid of gender modifiers on branding for the tournaments and championships.
- Increasing the number of senior staff in the NCAA's championships structure to improve oversight of gender equity.
- Conducting a "zero-based" budget for each championship over the next five years to ensure gender differences are necessary, appropriate and equitable.

The report estimated that ESPN is underpaying the NCAA for tournament rights for 29 championships, "causing the association to lose out on substantial and crucial revenue." For example, the firm estimated that women's basketball annual broadcast rights in 2025 would be worth $81 million to $112 million, which is "multiples more" than the network gives NCAA right now for all 29 championships.

"The structure of broadcast agreements is holding back the growth of sports other than men's basketball and the leadership team has been unable to recognize the inequities in treatment of student-athletes and rectify it in a timely manner," Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference commissioner Rich Ensor said.

August's report highlighted staffing as an issue for championships, with men's basketball having more than women's hoops. Some sports like baseball and hockey also had more staffing than softball and women's hockey, the latest review said, though it showed women's volleyball and soccer championships had bigger staffs than the men.

The report says there "appears to be no formal or consistent definition" of the three categories that the NCAA uses to decide staffing for championships — "equity," meaning revenue-producing or could be revenue-producing; "growth," which would have the potential to make money over time; and "sustained," or one that loses money.

"There remains little understanding among the NCAA membership and even among NCAA staff about how staffing support is allocated among championships," the report said.

The law firm also said couldn't do direct comparisons between championships because "the NCAA does not maintain its records of expenses, ticket sales, amenities, or other items in a standardized manner that would permit such analysis."

Fan festivals were another topic in which there was gender inequality, the report said. The women's soccer fan festival is bigger than the men's, but is an outlier. Men's lacrosse and baseball fan festivals have more sponsors, music and games than women's, the firm said, and the NCAA spends more on them.

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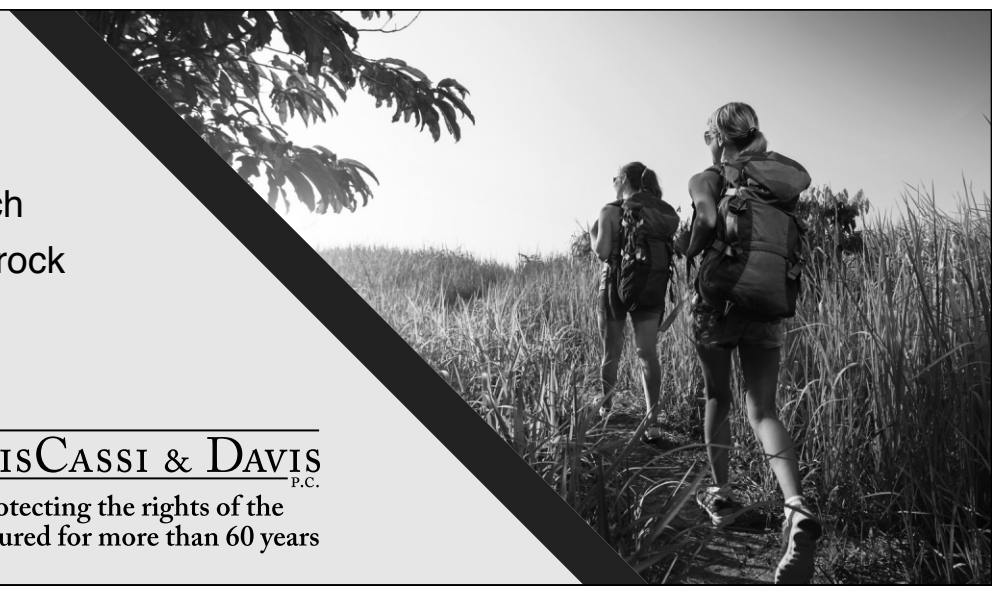

# SCOREBOARD

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

| ATLANTIC | W | L | PCT | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 3 | 1 | .750 | — |
| Brooklyn | 2 | 2 | .500 | 1 |
| Boston | 2 | 2 | .500 | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 2 | .500 | 1 |
| Toronto | 1 | 3 | .250 | 2 |
| **SOUTHEAST** | **W** | **L** | **PCT** | **GB** |
| Charlotte | 3 | 1 | .750 | — |
| Miami | 2 | 1 | .667 | ½ |
| Washington | 2 | 1 | .667 | ½ |
| Atlanta | 2 | 1 | .667 | ½ |
| Orlando | 1 | 3 | .250 | 2 |
| **CENTRAL** | **W** | **L** | **PCT** | **GB** |
| Chicago | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Milwaukee | 3 | 1 | .750 | 1 |
| Cleveland | 2 | 2 | .500 | 2 |
| Indiana | 1 | 3 | .250 | 3 |
| Detroit | 0 | 3 | .000 | 3 ½ |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

| SOUTHWEST | W | L | PCT | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dallas | 2 | 1 | .667 | — |
| Memphis | 2 | 1 | .667 | — |
| New Orleans | 1 | 3 | .250 | 1 ½ |
| Houston | 1 | 3 | .250 | 1 ½ |
| San Antonio | 1 | 3 | .250 | 1 ½ |
| **NORTHWEST** | **W** | **L** | **PCT** | **GB** |
| Utah | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Minnesota | 2 | 1 | .667 | 1 |
| Denver | 2 | 2 | .500 | 1 ½ |
| Portland | 1 | 2 | .333 | 2 |
| Oklahoma City | 0 | 4 | .000 | 3 ½ |
| **PACIFIC** | **W** | **L** | **PCT** | **GB** |
| Golden State | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 2 | 2 | .500 | 2 |
| Phoenix | 1 | 2 | .333 | 2 ½ |
| L.A. Clippers | 1 | 2 | .333 | 2 ½ |
| Sacramento | 1 | 2 | .333 | 2 ½ |

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**
Charlotte at Orlando, late
Atlanta at New Orleans, late
Indiana at Toronto, late
Miami at Brooklyn, late
Washington at Boston, late
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, late
Minnesota at Milwaukee, late
Memphis at Portland, late
Sacramento at Phoenix, late
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, late

**THURSDAY'S GAMES**
Atlanta at Washington, 7p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8p.m.
Utah at Houston, 8p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 10p.m.

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**
New York 112, Philadelphia 99
Golden State 106, Oklahoma City 98
Dallas 116, Houston 106
L.A. Lakers 125, San Antonio 121(OT)
Utah 122, Denver 110

## NFL

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| EAST | W | L | T | PCT | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Buffalo | 4 | 2 | 0 | .667 | 203 | 98 |
| New England | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 179 | 140 |
| N.Y. Jets | 1 | 5 | 0 | .167 | 80 | 175 |
| Miami | 1 | 6 | 0 | .143 | 127 | 207 |
| **SOUTH** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **PCT** | **PF** | **PA** |
| Tennessee | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 193 | 164 |
| Indianapolis | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 169 | 149 |
| Jacksonville | 1 | 5 | 0 | .167 | 116 | 172 |
| Houston | 1 | 6 | 0 | .143 | 97 | 203 |
| **NORTH** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **PCT** | **PF** | **PA** |
| Baltimore | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 187 | 164 |
| Cincinnati | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 189 | 128 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 173 | 165 |
| Pittsburgh | 3 | 3 | 0 | .500 | 117 | 132 |
| **WEST** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **PCT** | **PF** | **PA** |
| Las Vegas | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 180 | 166 |
| L.A. Chargers | 4 | 2 | 0 | .667 | 148 | 150 |
| Denver | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 140 | 127 |
| Kansas City | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 188 | 203 |

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| EAST | W | L | T | PCT | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dallas | 5 | 1 | 0 | .833 | 205 | 146 |
| N.Y. Giants | 2 | 5 | 0 | .286 | 139 | 180 |
| Philadelphia | 2 | 5 | 0 | .286 | 159 | 185 |
| Washington | 2 | 5 | 0 | .286 | 146 | 210 |
| **SOUTH** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **PCT** | **PF** | **PA** |
| Tampa Bay | 6 | 1 | 0 | .857 | 233 | 147 |
| New Orleans | 4 | 2 | 0 | .667 | 140 | 101 |
| Atlanta | 3 | 3 | 0 | .500 | 135 | 176 |
| Carolina | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 146 | 146 |
| **NORTH** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **PCT** | **PF** | **PA** |
| Green Bay | 6 | 1 | 0 | .857 | 168 | 146 |
| Minnesota | 3 | 3 | 0 | .500 | 147 | 137 |
| Chicago | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 101 | 162 |
| Detroit | 0 | 7 | 0 | .000 | 128 | 200 |
| **WEST** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **PCT** | **PF** | **PA** |
| Arizona | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 225 | 114 |
| L.A. Rams | 6 | 1 | 0 | .857 | 207 | 146 |
| San Francisco | 2 | 4 | 0 | .333 | 135 | 149 |
| Seattle | 2 | 5 | 0 | .286 | 150 | 162 |

**WEEK 8**
**THURSDAY'S GAME**
Green Bay at Arizona, 8:20p.m.
**SUNDAY'S GAMES**
Carolina at Atlanta, 1p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 1p.m.
L.A. Rams at Houston, 1p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 1p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1p.m.
San Francisco at Chicago, 1p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1p.m.
Jacksonville at Seattle, 4:05p.m.
New England at L.A. Chargers, 4:05p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 4:25p.m.
Washington at Denver, 4:25p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8:20p.m.
**MONDAY'S GAME**
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City, 8:15p.m.
**Open:** Baltimore, Las Vegas

**TAKE-AWAYS, GIVE-AWAYS**

| | | TAKE | | | GIVE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **AFC** | **I** | **F** | **T** | **I** | **F** | **T** | **TO** |
| Buffalo | 10 | 6 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 6 | =+10 |
| Indianapolis | 7 | 9 | 16 | 2 | 5 | 7 | =+9 |
| L.A. Chargers | 6 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 5 | =+4 |
| Las Vegas | 4 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 5 | =+4 |
| New England | 8 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 11 | =0 |
| Baltimore | 5 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 8 | =-1 |
| Miami | 3 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 5 | 11 | =-1 |
| Tennessee | 5 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 9 | =-1 |
| Cleveland | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 7 | =-2 |
| Pittsburgh | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 7 | =-2 |
| Cincinnati | 5 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 9 | =-3 |
| Denver | 4 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 9 | =-3 |
| Houston | 7 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 12 | =-3 |
| N.Y. Jets | 0 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 12 | =-8 |
| Jacksonville | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 12 | =-10 |
| Kansas City | 5 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 17 | =-10 |
| **Totals** | **76** | **54** | **130** | **92** | **55** | **147** | **=-17** |

| NFC | I | F | T | I | F | T | TO |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arizona | 6 | 8 | 14 | 5 | 1 | 6 | =+8 |
| Dallas | 11 | 3 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | =+7 |
| Tampa Bay | 10 | 4 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 7 | =+7 |
| Green Bay | 7 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 3 | 6 | =+5 |
| L.A. Rams | 10 | 2 | 12 | 5 | 2 | 7 | =+5 |
| New Orleans | 9 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 6 | =+4 |
| Seattle | 2 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 4 | =+3 |
| Minnesota | 4 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 5 | =+2 |
| N.Y. Giants | 6 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 9 | =0 |
| Philadelphia | 6 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 7 | =0 |
| Chicago | 4 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 10 | =-2 |
| Atlanta | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 8 | =-3 |
| Detroit | 4 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 10 | =-3 |
| Washington | 4 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 11 | =-4 |
| Carolina | 4 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 11 | =-5 |
| San Francisco | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 11 | =-7 |
| **Totals** | **91** | **51** | **142** | **75** | **50** | **125** | **=+17** |

*I-interceptions; F-fumbles; T-totals*

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

| ATLANTIC | GP | W | L | OT | PTS | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Florida | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 27 | 12 |
| Florida | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 27 | 12 |
| Buffalo | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 19 | 11 |
| Detroit | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 20 | 21 |
| Tampa Bay | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 21 | 27 |
| Boston | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 14 | 11 |
| Toronto | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 23 |
| Ottawa | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 19 |
| Montreal | 7 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 25 |
| **METRO.** | **GP** | **W** | **L** | **OT** | **PTS** | **GF** | **GA** |
| Carolina | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 22 | 8 |
| Washington | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 26 | 16 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 15 | 18 |
| Pittsburgh | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 24 | 17 |
| Columbus | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 19 | 15 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 15 | 15 |
| New Jersey | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 14 | 15 |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 13 |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

| CENTRAL | GP | W | L | OT | PTS | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 25 | 11 |
| Minnesota | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 20 | 18 |
| Winnipeg | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 24 | 22 |
| Dallas | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 15 |
| Nashville | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 20 | 20 |
| Colorado | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 16 | 23 |
| Chicago | 6 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 27 |
| Arizona | 6 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 30 |
| **PACIFIC** | **GP** | **W** | **L** | **OT** | **PTS** | **GF** | **GA** |
| Edmonton | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 24 | 13 |
| Calgary | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 21 | 15 |
| San Jose | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 20 | 14 |
| Vancouver | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 20 | 21 |
| Seattle | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 24 |
| Anaheim | 7 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 24 |
| Vegas | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 20 |
| Los Angeles | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 20 |

**NOTE:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**
Boston at Florida, late
Detroit at Washington, late
Toronto at Chicago, late
Vegas at Dallas, late
Philadelphia at Edmonton, late

**THURSDAY'S GAMES**
Arizona at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.
Calgary at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.
Boston at Carolina, 7p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 8p.m.
Philadelphia at Vancouver, 10p.m.
Buffalo at Anaheim, 10p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 10p.m.
Winnipeg at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.
Montreal at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**
Tampa Bay 5, Pittsburgh 1
Calgary 5, New Jersey 3
Vegas 3, Colorado 1
Nashville 3, San Jose 1
Seattle 5, Montreal 1
Winnipeg 4, Anaheim 3
Minnesota 3, Vancouver 2

## ODDS

| NBA FAVORITE | LINE | O/U | THURSDAY UNDERDOG |
|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 2½ | (218½) | at Wash. |
| at Phila. | off | (off) | Detroit |
| at Chicago | 4 | (215) | New York |
| Utah | 9 | (223½) | at Houston |
| at Dallas | off | (off) | San Antonio |
| at Golden State | 5 | (223) | Memphis |

| NHL FAVORITE | LINE | THURSDAY UNDERDOG | LINE |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Tampa Bay | -284 | Arizona | +226 |
| at Pittsburgh | -112 | Calgary | -108 |
| at Carolina | -131 | Boston | +110 |
| Colorado | -121 | at St. Louis | +101 |
| at Vancouver | -118 | Philadelphia | -103 |
| at Anaheim | -136 | Buffalo | +115 |
| Minnesota | -127 | at Seattle | +107 |
| Winnipeg | -114 | at Los Angeles | -106 |
| at San Jose | -140 | Montreal | +118 |

| COLLEGE FOOTBALL FAVORITE | SP | O/U | THURSDAY UNDERDOG |
|---|---|---|---|
| at E. Carolina | 10 | (56½) | S. Florida |
| at Co. Carolina | 17½ | (51½) | Troy |
| | | | **FRIDAY** |
| at Tulsa | 11 | (47) | Navy |
| at Nevada | 20½ | (58) | UNLV |
| | | | **SATURDAY** |
| Cincinnati | 24½ | (62) | at Tulane |
| Michigan | 4 | (50½) | at Michigan St. |
| UCF | 10½ | (51½) | at Temple |
| at Mryland | 5½ | (49½) | Indiana |
| Rutgers | 1½ | (42) | at Illinois |
| at Wisconsin | 3½ | (36½) | Iowa |
| at Buffalo | 13½ | (51½) | Bowl. Green |
| at Baylor | 3 | (61½) | Texas |
| at Ga. Tech | 4½ | (55½) | Va. Tech |
| at Liberty | 36 | (57½) | UMass |
| at Pittsburgh | 9 | (61½) | Miami |
| Iowa State | 7 | (48½) | at W. Virginia |
| at Rice | 2½ | (57) | N. Texas |
| at Arizona St. | 15 | (52½) | Wash. St. |
| Missouri | 16 | (63) | at Vanderbilt |
| at Utah State | 5½ | (65) | Hawaii |
| at Nebraska | 7½ | (52½) | Purdue |
| Minnesota | 7½ | (43½) | at N'thwestern |
| at Oregon | 24 | (49) | Colorado |
| at Oklahoma | 19½ | (66½) | Texas Tech |
| at Kansas St. | 3½ | (58½) | TCU |
| at Appal. St. | 27½ | (58) | La-Monroe |
| at Syracuse | 6 | (50½) | Boston Coll. |
| at Clemson | 9½ | (47½) | Florida State |
| at Marshall | 21½ | (65) | FIU |
| at Mid Tenn. | 13½ | (48) | So. Miss. |
| Louisiana Tech | 4 | (52½) | at Old Dom. |
| Georgia | 14 | (51) | at Florida |
| at Wake Forest | 17 | (70) | Duke |
| at San Jose St. | 3 | (41) | Wyoming |
| at W. Kentucky | 18 | (73) | Charlotte |
| at S. Alabama | 9 | (66½) | Ark. St. |
| at FAU | 11 | (47½) | UTEP |
| Georgia State | 6½ | (56) | at Ga. So. |
| at Houston | 1 | (62½) | SMU |
| Oregon State | 1½ | (55½) | at California |
| at Oklahoma St. | 30½ | (54½) | Kansas |
| at USC | 21 | (56½) | Arizona |
| at Auburn | 2½ | (66) | Mississippi |
| Kentucky | 1 | (47) | at Miss. St. |
| Boise State | 2½ | (51½) | at Colo. St. |
| at Ohio State | 18½ | (60) | Penn State |
| at Notre Dame | 3½ | (62½) | N. Carolina |
| at NC State | 6½ | (57) | Louisville |
| at Utah | 6½ | (60½) | UCLA |
| at BYU | 2½ | (63½) | Virginia |
| at Stanford | 2½ | (48) | Washington |
| at S. Diego St. | 1 | (44½) | Fresno State |

| NFL WEEK 8 FAVORITE | SP | O/U | THURSDAY UNDERDOG |
|---|---|---|---|
| at Arizona | 6½ | (50½) | Green Bay |
| | | | **SUNDAY** |
| Cincinnati | 10½ | (42) | at NY JETS |
| at Indianapolis | 1 | (51) | Tennessee |
| LA Rams | 14½ | (47½) | at Houston |
| at Cleveland | 3½ | (42½) | Pittsburgh |
| Philadelphia | 3½ | (48) | at Detroit |
| San Francisco | 3½ | (39½) | at Chicago |
| at Atlanta | 3 | (46) | Carolina |
| at Buffalo | 13½ | (49½) | Miami |
| at LA Chargers | 6 | (49) | New England |
| at Seattle | 3 | (43½) | Jacksonville |
| at Denver | 3 | (44) | Washington |
| Tampa Bay | 5 | (50) | at New Orl. |
| Dallas | 1½ | (55) | at Minnesota |
| | | | **MONDAY** |
| at Kansas City | 9½ | (52) | NY Giants |

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## TENNIS

**ATP ERSTE BANK OPEN**
**Wednesday at Wiener Stadthalle, Vienna, indoors-hardcourt**
**MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16**
#3 Matteo Berrettini d. Nikoloz Basilashvili, 6-7(5), 6-2, 6-3.
Carlos Alcaraz d. Andy Murray, 6-3, 6-4.
**MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32**
#7 Jannik Sinner d. Reilly Opelka, 6-4, 6-2
#8 Diego Schwartzman d. Fabio Fognini, 6-2, 7-5.
Lorenzo Sonego d. Dominik Koepfer, 6-4, 6-3.
Gael Monfils d. Lorenzo Musetti, 7-6(2), 6-4.

**ATP ST. PETERSBURG OPEN**
**Wednesday at Sibur Arena, St. Petersburg, Russia, indoors-hardcourt**
**MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16**
#1 Andrey Rublev d. Ilya Ivashka, 6-4, 6-4
#2 Denis Shapovalov d. Pablo Andujar, 2-6, 6-3, 6-0.
Jan-Lennard Struff d. #7 Alexander Bublik, 6-4, 6-3.
**MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32**
#6 Karen Khachanov d. Adrian Mannarino, 6-3, 6-3.
Marin Cilic d. Al Ramos-Vinolas, 6-2, 6-3.

**WTA COURMAYEUR LADIES OPEN**
**Wednesday in Courmayeur, Italy, indoors-Hardcourt**
**WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16**
#3Liudmila Samsonova d. Aliona Bolsova Zadoinov, 6-3, 6-3.
#5 Clara Tauson d. Giulia Gatto-Monticone, 6-4, 6-1.
Anna Kalinskaya d. #6 Alison Riske, 6-3, 0-6, 6-3.
#10 Dayana Yastremska d. Kateryna Kozlova, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.
**WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32**
#9 Ann Li d. Kamilla Rakhimova, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

**WTA TRANSYLVANIA OPEN**
**Wednesday in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, indoors-harcourt**
#1 Simona Halep d. Elena-Gabriela Ruse, 6-1, 6-2.
#2Anett Kontaveit d. Aleksandra Krunic, 6-3, 7-5.
Jaqueline Cristian d. #5 Ajla Tomljanovic, 7-6(5), 7-5.
#8 Anhelina Kalinina d. Anna-Lena Friedsam, 6-2, 6-2.
Lesia Tsurenko d. Anastasia Gasanova, 6-2, 7-5.

## MLB POSTSEASON

| WORLD SERIES TM | PITCHER | TIME | 2021 W-L | ERA | TR | 2021 VS OPP W-L | IP | ERA | LAST 3 STARTS W-L | IP | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hou | L. Garcia (R) | G3/Fri | 11-8 | 3.30 | 16-14 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 0.00 | 1-1 | 9.1 | 9.64 |
| Atl | Anderson (R) | 8:09p | 9-5 | 3.58 | 13-11 | 0-0 | 0.0 | 0.00 | 1-0 | 12.0 | 2.25 |

**TR:** Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.
**Vs. Opp:** Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

**WORLD SERIES SCHEDULE**
**Atlanta 1, Houston 0**
**Oct. 26:** G1 Atlanta 6-2
**Wednesday:** G2 at Houston, late
**Friday:** G3 at Atlanta, 8:09 p.m.
**Saturday:** G4 at Atlanta, 8:09 p.m.
**x-Sunday:** G5 at Atlanta, 8:15 p.m.
**x-Tuesday:** G6 at Houston, 8:09 p.m.
**x-Nov. 3:** G7 at Houston, 8:09 p.m.
*(x-if necessary, all games on Fox)*

**LATE TUESDAY/GAME 1**
**ATLANTA 6, HOUSTON 2**

| Atlanta | AB | R | H | BI | SO | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Soler dh | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | .400 |
| Freeman 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .333 |
| Albies 2b | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .400 |
| Riley 3b | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | .200 |
| Rosario lf | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .400 |
| Duvall cf-rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | .250 |
| d'Arnaud c | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .250 |
| Pederson rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .250 |
| Heredia cf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | --- |
| Swanson ss | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .333 |
| **TOTALS** | **38** | **6** | **12** | **6** | **12** | |
| **Houston** | **AB** | **R** | **H** | **BI** | **SO** | **AVG** |
| Altuve 2b | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .000 |
| Brantley lf | 5 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | .600 |
| Bregman 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .000 |
| Alvarez dh | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .333 |
| Correa ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .000 |
| Tucker rf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .500 |
| Gurriel 1b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .500 |
| McCormick cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .000 |
| b-Diaz ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | --- |
| Maldonado c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .000 |
| a-Castro ph-c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| **TOTALS** | **35** | **2** | **8** | **2** | **11** | |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Atlanta** | **212** | **000** | **010** | **—** | **6** | **12** | **1** |
| **Houston** | **000** | **100** | **010** | **—** | **2** | **8** | **1** |

a-grounded out for Maldonado in the 7th. b-walked for McCormick in the 9th. **E:** Swanson (1), Gurriel (1). **LOB:** Atlanta 9, Houston 9. **2B:** Riley (1), Rosario (1), Brantley (1), Tucker (1). **3B:** Alvarez (1). **HR:** Soler (1), off Valdez; Duvall (1), off Valdez. **RBIs:** Soler 2(2), Riley (1), Duvall 2(2), Freeman (1), McCormick (1), Correa (1). **SB:** Albies (1). **SF:** Freeman. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 4(Duvall, Riley 2, Albies, d'Arnaud); Houston 5(Tucker 2, Alvarez, Altuve, McCormick). **RISP:** Atlanta 2for 9; Houston 1for 9. **Runners moved up:** Swanson, Bregman, Gurriel, Correa. **GIDP:** d'Arnaud. **DP:** Houston 1(Correa, Altuve, Gurriel).

| ATLANTA | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | ERA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Morton | 2⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0.00 |
| Minter, W, 1-0 | 2⅓ | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3.38 |
| Jackson | ⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.00 |
| Matzek | 1⅓ | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6.75 |
| Smith | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.00 |
| **HOUSTON** | **IP** | **H** | **R** | **ER** | **BB** | **SO** | **ERA** |
| Valdez, L, 0-1 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 22.50 |
| Garcia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.00 |
| Odorizzi | 2⅓ | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0.00 |
| Maton | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0.00 |
| Stanek | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9.00 |
| Raley | ⅓ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.00 |

**Inherited runners-scored:** Maton 1-0, Stanek 2-0, Raley 2-1. **WP:** Morton. **Umpires:** HP, Chris Conroy; 1B, Tom Hallion; 2B, Dan Bellino; 3B, Ted Barrett; RF, Alfonso Marquez; LF, Mike Muchlinski. T: 4:06. **A:** 42,825(41,168).

## SOCCER

**MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER**

| EASTERN | W | L | T | PT | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New England | 22 | 4 | 7 | 73 | 65 | 40 |
| Philadelphia | 13 | 8 | 10 | 49 | 43 | 32 |
| Nashville | 11 | 4 | 16 | 49 | 47 | 28 |
| Orlando City | 12 | 8 | 11 | 47 | 45 | 44 |
| New York City FC | 12 | 11 | 8 | 44 | 51 | 34 |
| N.Y. Red Bulls | 12 | 11 | 7 | 43 | 37 | 31 |
| Atlanta | 11 | 9 | 10 | 43 | 40 | 34 |
| CF Montréal | 11 | 10 | 10 | 43 | 44 | 41 |
| D.C. United | 12 | 14 | 5 | 41 | 51 | 50 |
| Inter Miami CF | 11 | 15 | 5 | 38 | 33 | 48 |
| Columbus | 10 | 13 | 8 | 38 | 38 | 42 |
| Chicago | 9 | 16 | 7 | 34 | 36 | 51 |
| Toronto FC | 6 | 17 | 8 | 26 | 35 | 60 |
| Cincinnati | 4 | 19 | 8 | 20 | 33 | 64 |
| **WESTERN** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **PT** | **GF** | **GA** |
| Seattle | 17 | 8 | 7 | 58 | 51 | 31 |
| Sporting KC | 16 | 7 | 7 | 55 | 54 | 34 |
| Colorado | 15 | 7 | 10 | 55 | 45 | 33 |
| Portland | 14 | 13 | 4 | 46 | 48 | 51 |
| LA Galaxy | 13 | 11 | 7 | 46 | 46 | 48 |
| Minnesota United | 12 | 10 | 9 | 45 | 36 | 38 |
| Los Angeles FC | 12 | 12 | 8 | 44 | 50 | 45 |
| Vancouver | 11 | 9 | 11 | 44 | 41 | 42 |
| Real Salt Lake | 12 | 12 | 6 | 42 | 48 | 46 |
| San Jose | 9 | 12 | 10 | 37 | 41 | 48 |
| Houston | 6 | 14 | 12 | 30 | 36 | 51 |
| FC Dallas | 6 | 14 | 11 | 29 | 43 | 52 |
| Austin FC | 8 | 19 | 4 | 28 | 31 | 50 |

*Three points for win, one point for tie.*

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**
New Engalnd 1, Colorado 0
Miami at Atlanta, late
Nashville at Cincinnati, late
Orlando City at Columbus, late
Philadelphia at Toronto FC, late
New York at D.C. United, late
Chicago at New York City FC, late
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, late
LA Galaxy at Sporting KC, late
Minnesota at Vancouver, late
San Jose at Portland, late

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES**
New York City FC at Miami, 1:30p.m.
San Jose at Real Salt Lake, 3:30p.m.
CF Montréal at New York, 4p.m.
Toronto FC at Atlanta, 6p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.
Austin FC at FC Dallas, 8p.m.

**SUNDAY'S MATCHES**
Sporting KC at Minnesota, 1p.m.
Colorado at Houston, 3p.m.
Nashville at Orlando City, 4p.m.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.

**TUESDAY'S RESULT**
Los Angeles FC 3, Seattle 0.

**NWSL**

| CLUB | W | L | T | PT | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Portland | 13 | 6 | 4 | 43 | 33 | 17 |
| Reign FC | 12 | 8 | 3 | 39 | 34 | 24 |
| Washington | 10 | 7 | 6 | 36 | 28 | 26 |
| Chicago | 10 | 8 | 5 | 35 | 27 | 28 |
| Gotham FC | 8 | 5 | 9 | 33 | 27 | 19 |
| Houston | 9 | 9 | 5 | 32 | 31 | 30 |
| North Carolina | 9 | 9 | 5 | 32 | 28 | 23 |
| Orlando | 7 | 9 | 7 | 28 | 27 | 31 |
| Louisville | 5 | 12 | 5 | 20 | 19 | 38 |
| Kansas City | 3 | 13 | 7 | 16 | 15 | 33 |

**THURSDAY'S MATCH**
Gotham FC at Louisville, 7:30p.m.

**FRIDAY'S MATCHES**
Chicago at Orlando, 7p.m.
Reign FC at Kansas City, 8p.m.

**SATURDAY'S MATCH**
North Carolina at Portland, 10p.m.

**U.S. WOMEN'S SCHEDULE**
**Oct. 26:** U.S. 6, South Korea 0

**ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE**

| CLUB | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chelsea | 9 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 3 | 22 |
| Liverpool | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 27 | 6 | 21 |
| Man City | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 4 | 20 |
| West Ham | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 10 | 17 |
| Brighton | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 15 |
| Tottenham | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 15 |
| Man United | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 15 | 14 |
| Everton | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 14 | 14 |
| Leicester | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 15 | 14 |
| Arsenal | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 13 | 14 |
| Wolverhampton | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 13 |
| Brentford | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 12 |
| Aston Villa | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 15 | 10 |
| Watford | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 17 | 10 |
| Crystal Palace | 9 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 14 | 9 |
| Southampton | 9 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 8 |
| Leeds | 9 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 7 |
| Burnley | 9 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 15 | 4 |
| Newcastle | 9 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 20 | 4 |
| Norwich | 9 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 23 | 2 |

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES**
Leicester vs. Arsenal, 7:30a.m.
Burnley vs. Brentford, 10a.m.
Liverpool vs. Brighton, 10a.m.
Man City vs. Crystal Palace, 10a.m.
Newcastle vs. Chelsea, 10a.m.
Watford vs. Southampton, 10a.m.
Tottenham vs. Man United, 12:30p.m.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

*(Subject to change)*
**THURSDAY'S GAMES**
Troy (4-3) at Co. Carolina (6-1), 7:30p.m.
S. Florida (2-5) at E. Carolina (3-4), 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**
Princeton (6-0) at Cornell (1-5), 7p.m.
Navy (1-6) at Tulsa (3-4), 7:30p.m.
UNLV (0-7) at Nevada (5-2), 10p.m.

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**
**East**
Holy Cross (5-2) at Lehigh (0-7), Noon
Indiana (2-5) at Maryland (4-3), Noon
Dartmouth (5-1) at Harvard (5-1), Noon
Bowling Green (2-6) at Buffalo (4-4), Noon
Miami (3-4) at Pittsburgh (6-1), Noon
Hampton (3-4) at Robert Morris (2-4), Noon
UCF (4-3) at Temple (3-4), Noon
Columbia (5-1) at Yale (3-3), Noon
Lafayette (2-5) at Georgetown (2-4), 12:30 p.m.
Dixie St. (0-7) at Delaware (3-4), 1p.m.
Richmond (2-5) at New Hampshire (3-4), 1p.m.
CCSU (1-6) at Merrimack (4-3), 1p.m.
Wagner (0-7) at LIU Brooklyn (1-5), 1 p.m.
Bucknell (1-6) at Colgate (2-6), 1p.m.
Brown (2-4) at Penn (2-4), 1p.m.
Wm & Mary (5-2) at Villanova (6-1), 1 p.m.
Maine (3-4) at Rhode Island (5-2), 1p.m.
Iowa St. (5-2) at West Virginia (3-4), 2 p.m.
Albany (NY) (0-7) at Towson (3-4), 2 p.m.
Howard (2-5) at Delaware St. (3-4), 2 p.m.
St. Francis (Pa.) (3-4) at Duquesne (4-2), 3p.m.
FIU (1-6) at Marshall (4-3), 3:30p.m.
Boston College (4-3) at Syracuse (4-4), 3:30p

# WEATHER

| THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SUNRISE NOON SUNSET | SUNRISE NOON SUNSET | SUNRISE NOON SUNSET | SUNRISE NOON SUNSET | SUNRISE NOON SUNSET |
| Mostly sunny and seasonable. Northeast winds at 5 to 10 mph. | Thickening afternoon clouds, chance for a late day shower in western areas. Rain develops at night. | Cloudy with periods of rain, breezy. | Mixed clouds and sunshine, mild. | Sunny and a little milder than normal. |
| HIGH 58° LOW 37° | HIGH 55° LOW 47° | HIGH 59° LOW 49° | HIGH 64° LOW 44° | HIGH 61° LOW 38° |

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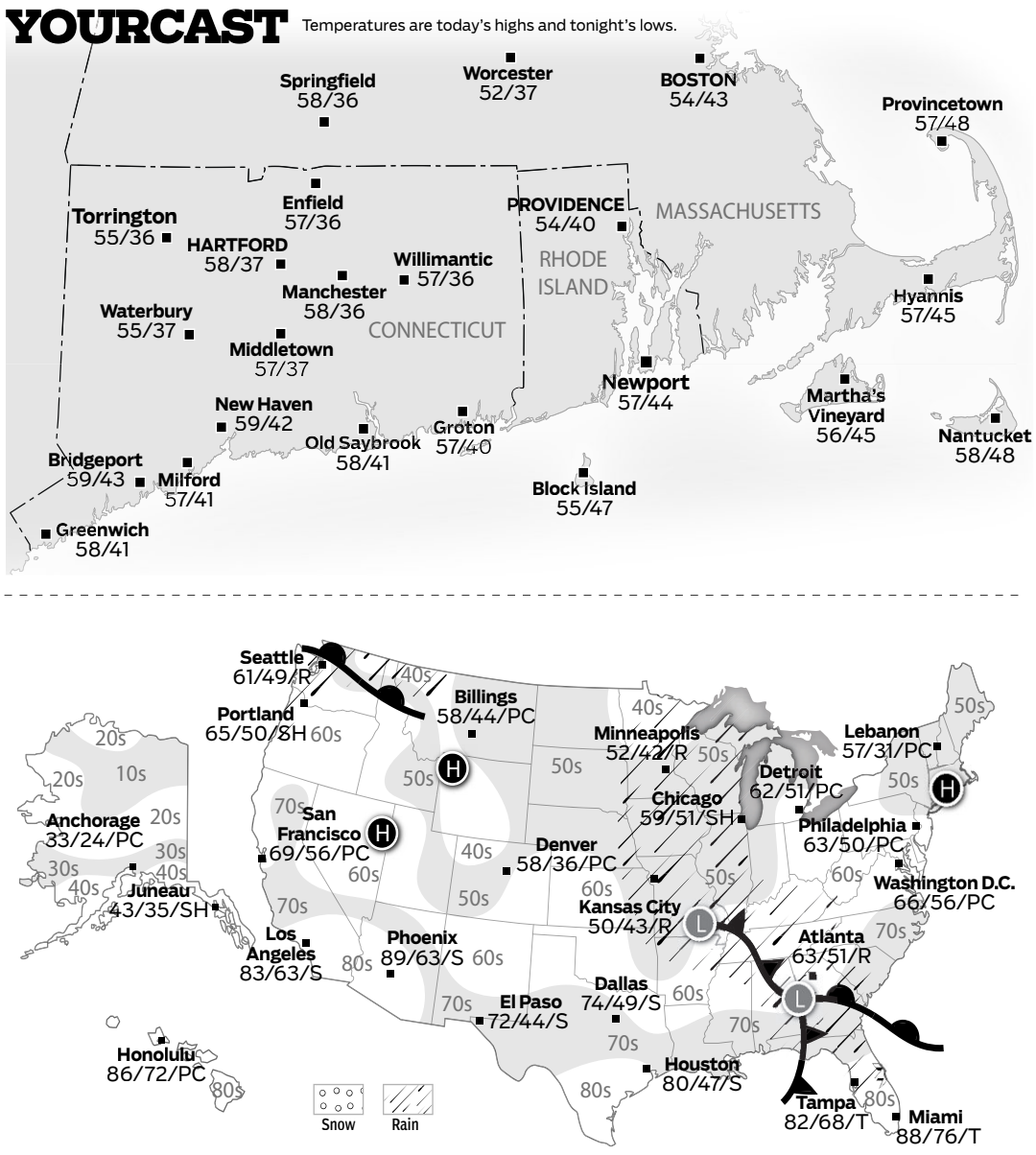
## YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.




## OUTLOOK

The powerful low pressure system that brought torrential rain and strong winds to the state Tuesday night and Wednesday has now been replaced with a high pressure system. Thursday will be mostly sunny and seasonable with high temperatures in the mid to upper 50s. Friday will have thickening afternoon cloudiness and now it appears the state should remain dry during the daylight hours. Another storm system will pass to the south of New England on Saturday producing periods of rain and breezy conditions. The amount of rain will depend how close to the coast it comes.

-Gary Lessor

## ALMANAC

| Precipitation In Inches | Total | Normal |
|---|---|---|
| Yesterday (by 7 p.m.) | 0.10 | 0.13 |
| Month to date | 3.76 | 4.03 |
| Total this year | 49.13 | 38.97 |

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

**Air Quality Forecast For Today**

Good 21 | Moderate 3 | 37°

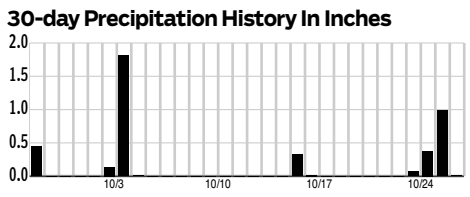
Air Quality Today | Ultraviolet Index Today | Wind Chill Today

| | Today | Tomorrow |
|---|---|---|
| Sunrise | 7:18 a.m. | 7:19 a.m. |
| Sunset | 5:51 p.m. | 5:50 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 11:47 p.m. | a.m. |
| Moonset | 2:27 p.m. | 3:02 p.m. |

**Moon Phase**

| Last | New | First | Full |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oct 28 | Nov 4 | Nov 11 | Nov 19 |

**30-day Precipitation History In Inches**




| Tides | High | Low | Temp. |
|---|---|---|---|
| N.L. State Pier | 3:51 a.m.<br>4:08 p.m. | 9:48 a.m.<br>10:43 p.m. | 62° |
| Saybrook Jetty | 5:02 a.m.<br>5:19 p.m. | 10:41 a.m.<br>11:36 p.m. | 63° |
| Connecticut River at Portland | 7:45 a.m.<br>8:02 p.m. | 2:30 a.m.<br>2:27 p.m. | |
| Madison | 5:05 a.m.<br>5:17 p.m. | 11:00 a.m.<br>11:41 p.m. | 63° |
| New Haven | 5:25 a.m.<br>5:37 p.m. | 11:24 a.m.<br>p.m. | 62° |
| Stamford | 5:29 a.m.<br>5:41 p.m. | 11:38 a.m.<br>p.m. | 65° |

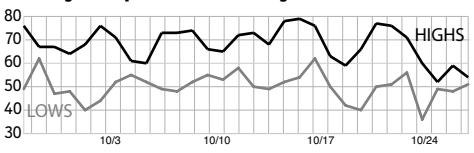
**River Stage at Hartford:** 6.74 feet at 6:30 p.m.

| Boating | L.I. Sound W | L.I. Sound E | B. I. Sound |
|---|---|---|---|
| Weather | MSunny | PCloudy | PCloudy |
| Wind | NE, 10-15 | NE, 10-20 | NE, 15-20 |
| Seas | 2-3 ft. | 2-4 ft. | 4-5 ft. |

| Temperature | High | Low |
|---|---|---|
| Wednesday | 54 at 3:19 p.m | 51 at 9:41 a.m |
| Normal for date | 59 | 39 |
| Record for date | 83 in 1963 | 23 in 1950 |
| A year ago | 57 | 47 |
| Range this year | 99 | 1 |

| Heating Degree Days | Season | Normal | Last Season |
|---|---|---|---|
| For July 1 - Oct 27 | 222 | 415 | 336 |

**30-day Temperature History**




| Atmosphere | High | Low |
|---|---|---|
| Barometer | 29.82 at 7 p.m. | 29.46 at 4 a.m. |
| Dew point | 51° at 3 a.m. | 46° at 6 p.m. |

## AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **NEW ENGLAND** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bangor | 50 | 31 | C | Baltimore | 61 | 50 | PC | Nashville | 65 | 50 | SH |
| Burlington | 53 | 34 | PC | Bismarck | 58 | 29 | S | New Orleans | 74 | 53 | PC |
| Caribou | 50 | 31 | PC | Boise | 67 | 46 | PC | New York | 58 | 47 | PC |
| Concord | 55 | 29 | PC | Buffalo | 57 | 47 | PC | Okla. City | 68 | 44 | S |
| Montpelier | 51 | 29 | PC | Charleston | 74 | 60 | SH | Omaha | 55 | 40 | SH |
| Mt. Wash. | 36 | 28 | PC | Cincinnati | 60 | 51 | SH | Orlando | 83 | 66 | T |
| Portland | 53 | 36 | PC | Cleveland | 61 | 51 | PC | Pittsburgh | 61 | 50 | PC |
| Woods Hole | 52 | 42 | C | Indianapolis | 56 | 50 | R | Raleigh | 68 | 58 | PC |
| **NATION** | | | | Jacksonville | 80 | 59 | T | St. Louis | 57 | 50 | SH |
| Albany | 55 | 36 | PC | Las Vegas | 82 | 60 | S | Salt Lake City | 60 | 42 | PC |
| Albuquerque | 65 | 41 | S | Miami Beach | 89 | 77 | T | San Antonio | 83 | 48 | S |
| Atlantic City | 62 | 46 | PC | Milwaukee | 57 | 49 | SH | San Diego | 81 | 62 | S |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Juan | 89 | 76 | PC | Kingston | 90 | 77 | PC | Stockholm | 56 | 45 | SH |
| Tucson | 86 | 55 | S | Lisbon | 73 | 63 | SH | Sydney | 82 | 66 | PC |
| **WORLD** | | | | London | 61 | 57 | C | Tel Aviv | 81 | 63 | PC |
| Amsterdam | 61 | 48 | PC | Madrid | 68 | 52 | S | Tokyo | 72 | 50 | PC |
| Athens | 66 | 55 | S | Mexico City | 76 | 54 | SH | Toronto | 55 | 54 | PC |
| Bangkok | 93 | 82 | T | Milan | 61 | 43 | SH | Vancouver | 50 | 43 | R |
| Barbados | 87 | 73 | S | Montreal | 52 | 39 | PC | Warsaw | 59 | 43 | S |
| Beijing | 61 | 43 | C | Moscow | 48 | 36 | R | | | | |
| Beirut | 81 | 69 | PC | Nassau | 90 | 72 | S | | | | |
| Berlin | 59 | 41 | S | New Delhi | 84 | 61 | S | | | | |
| Bermuda | 78 | 72 | PC | Paris | 64 | 50 | S | | | | |
| Budapest | 58 | 34 | PC | Prague | 59 | 37 | S | | | | |
| Buenos Aires | 79 | 64 | PC | Rio de Janeiro | 79 | 64 | T | | | | |
| Cairo | 92 | 68 | PC | Rome | 70 | 48 | C | | | | |
| Cancun | 91 | 71 | T | Seoul | 68 | 50 | S | | | | |
| Dubai | 93 | 75 | S | Singapore | 91 | 75 | T | | | | |
| Dublin | 59 | 43 | SH | | | | | | | | |
| Edinburgh | 59 | 48 | SH | | | | | | | | |
| Helsinki | 54 | 46 | C | | | | | | | | |
| Hong Kong | 81 | 73 | PC | | | | | | | | |
| Istanbul | 61 | 52 | PC | | | | | | | | |
| Jerusalem | 77 | 63 | PC | | | | | | | | |
| Johannesburg | 72 | 57 | T | | | | | | | | |

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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## TUESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-East
**EAST HARTFORD 3, MANCHESTER 0 (25-18, 25-15, 25-17)**
**M:** Dara Song, 6digs, 1ace, Olivia Westfort, 8kills, 1block. Rec.: **EH**—11-7; **M**—9-8.

### GIRLS SWIMMING

CCC-North
**WINDSOR 95, ENFIELD 71**
**Note:** Aislin Farris set an Enfield HS record in the 500free with a time of 5:03.32, and also won the 200IM. Jasmine Uricchio won the 100fly and 100free for Enfield.

## WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

### BOYS SOCCER

CCC-North
**WINDSOR 4, NEW BRITAIN 2**

CCC-East
**TOLLAND 1, EAST HARTFORD 0**
**Goal: T**—Vince Cassarino. **Saves: T**—Cullen Rublewski, 8; **EH**—Carlos Hinostroza, 8. Rec.: **T**—3-6-5; **EH**—2-9-3.
CCC-Inter
**ROCKY HILL 1, LEWIS MILLS 1**
**Goals: RH**—Austin Murawski; **LM**—Shane Evans. **Saves: RH**—Jaimin Shah, 5; **LM**—Ryan Mayes, 7. Rec.: **RH**—7-3-3; **LM**—7-2-4.
CTC
**KAYNOR TECH 1, WILCOX TECH 0**
CRAL
**AEROSPACE 9, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 4**

ECC
**BACON ACADEMY 2, WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 0**
NVL
**WOODLAND AT ST. PAUL, PPD. TO TODAY**
Others
**WEAVER 1, SMSA/BULKELEY 0**
**ROCKVILLE 2, WINDHAM TECH 0**
**XAVIER 2, ELLINGTON 1**

### GIRLS SOCCER

CCC-South
**BRISTOL EASTERN 0, BERLIN 0**
**Saves: BE**—Grae D'Amato, 9; **B**—Natalia Chorzepa, 4. Rec.: **BE**—5-6-2; **B**—6-4-4.
CCC-Inter
**FARMINGTON 4, RHAM 2**
**Goals: F**—Sabrina Krause, Isabelle Coulombe, Diana Jedrychowski, Elizabeth Neri; **R**—Molly Bellmore, Carley Levesque. **Saves: F**—Margaret Huelin and Maya Koster, 11; **R**—Rachel Arsenault, 10. Rec.: **F**—6-4-4; **R**—3-8-2.
**SOUTHINGTON 2, LEWIS MILLS 0**
**Goals: S**—Nina Muir, Julia Rusiecki. **Saves: S**—Kaitlyn Asido and Lauren Humphrey, 12; **LM**—Kayleigh Smith, 8. Rec.: **S**—7-1-6; **LM**—8-5.
**E.O. SMITH 1, WETHERSFIELD 0**
**Goal: EOS**—Anna Frey. Rec.: **EOS**—10-1-3; **W**—7-5-1.
**MANCHESTER 1, PLAINVILLE 1**
**NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 5, BRISTOL CENTRAL 2**
NCCC
**ELLINGTON 2, SOMERS 1**
**Goals: E**—Natalie Ewald, Aubrey Charbonneau; **S**—Avery D'Amour. **Saves: E**—Kylie LaDestro, 6; **S**—Julia Lau, 10. Rec.: **E**—8-1-6; **S**—12-3.
Shoreline
**PORTLAND 2, OLD SAYBROOK 2**
CTC
**WOLCOTT TECH 4, WILCOX TECH 1**
**WINDHAM TECH AT GRASSO TECH, PPD. TO TODAY**
CRAL
**INNOVATION 2, CIVIC LEADERSHIP/AEROSPACE 0**
**Goals: I**—Alice Bidoae, Nadia Dautovic. **Saves: I**—Te'ijah Roberts, 3; **CLA**—Giovanni Shaw, 4. Rec.: **I**—7-5-2; **CLA**—4-7.
SCC
**MERCY 2, CHESHIRE 0**
**Goals: M**—Kate Donlan, Laney Smith. **Saves: M**—Melina Ford, 6; **C**—Sophia Bates, 2. Rec.: **M**—12-2-2; **C**—9-5-1.
**Note:** Kaylee Benson had an assist.
**SHEEHAN 3, LYMAN HALL 0**
ECC
**BACON ACADEMY 3, STONINGTON 2**
NVL
**ST. PAUL AT WOODLAND, PPD. TO TODAY**
Others
**WATERFORD 1, OLD LYME 0**
**Goal: W**—Aimee Girard. **Saves: W**—Mckenzie Gregory, 12; **OL**—Olivia Kelly, 9. Rec.: **W**—12-2-1; **OL**—9-2-5.
**MORGAN 1, MIDDLETOWN 1**
**WINDHAM 3, PARISH HILL 0**
**VALLEY REGIONAL AT CANTON, PPD. TO TODAY**

### FIELD HOCKEY

CCC-North
**ENFIELD 1, CONARD 0**
**Goal: E**—Kayla Surprenant. **Saves: E**—Stacey Rodriguez-Santos, 12; **C**—Lilly Grose, 1. Rec.: **E**—10-5; **C**—9-4-1.

CCC-South
**GLASTONBURY 1, WETHERSFIELD 0**
**Goal: G**—Christina Guanci. **Saves: G**—Kaitlyn Parent, 4; **W**—Julia Peacock, 13. Rec.: **G**—10-1-2-1; **W**—13-1.
SCC
**SHEEHAN 2, MERCY 0**
**Goals: S**—Mia Levesh, Reilly Hunter. **Saves: S**—Rilee Reutenauer, 7; **M**—Callia Borkauski, 11. Rec.: **S**—4-11-1; **M**—5-11.
**CHESHIRE 3, LAURALTON HALL 1**
Others
**GRANBY 2, OLD SAYBROOK 0**
**Goals: G**—Charlotte Kampfmann, Fran Caley. **Saves: G**—Reagan Winn, 2; **OS**—Kate Molesky, 10. Rec.: **G**—10-4; **OS**—11-4-1.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-East
**E.O. SMITH 3, EAST CATHOLIC 1**
CCC-West
**AVON 3, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 2 (21-25, 25-20, 21-25, 25-15, 15-5)**
Rec.: **A**—3-15; **NWC**—8-12.
CCC-Inter
**CONARD 3, BRISTOL CENTRAL (25-14, 25-21, 25-20)**
**C:** Nyssa Park, 31assists, 6digs, 5kills, Zahara Quraishi, 10kills; **BC:** Brooke Valentino, 11kills, 6digs, Samantha Sklenka, 17digs. Rec.: **C**—16-1; **BC**—14-6.
**NEW BRITAIN 3, EAST HARTFORD 1**
**PLAINVILLE 3, BULKELEY 1**
NCCC
**COVENTRY 3, BOLTON 0 (25-23, 25-18, 25-17)**
**C:** Celia Delvecchio, 6assists, 6digs, 2 aces, Ruby St. Onge, 16service points; **B:** Breelin McDougal, 23digs, 6kills, Brianna Connolly, 15assists. Rec.: **C**—13-5; **B**—12-7.
**GRANBY 3, ROCKVILLE 0**

CTC
**BULLARD-HAVENS 3, WILCOX TECH 0**
CRAL
**INNOVATION 3, MLC 0 (25-14, 25-11, 25-11)**
**I:** Patrice Broughton, 5aces, 4kills, Madison Ramos, 11aces, 3digs; **M:** Makayla Nash, 3aces, 1kill, 1dig, Cydney Chisholm, 4kills, 2aces, 1dig. Rec.: **I**—10-8; **M**—3-16.
**WEAVER 3, CIVIC LEADERSHIP 2**
**W:** Nicole Tirado, 14assists, 14digs, Takyra Allerdyce, 8kills, 2aces; **CL**—Gabby Tinsley, 13kills, 8digs, 1ace, 1 block. Rec.: **W**—12-6; **CL**—15-4.
**CLASSICAL 3, UNIVERSITY 1**
NVL
**WATERTOWN 3, ST. PAUL 1**
Others
**PRINCE TECH 3, CAPITAL PREP 1**
**WINDHAM 3, GRASSO TECH 0**
**SOUTH WINDSOR 3, ELLINGTON 0**
**LYMAN MEMORIAL 3, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 1**
**LAW 3, CROMWELL 0**

### GIRLS SWIMMING

CCC-West
**SOUTHINGTON 85, BERLIN 77**
**Note:** Julia Laszewski (200free/100 back) and Ella Nadeau (200IM/100free) were double winners for Southington.

## THURSDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

**ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED**

### FOOTBALL

CCC Tier **3:** Bristol Central at E.O. Smith, 6:30p.m.
**Others:** Brookfield at Guilford, 6p.m.

### BOYS SOCCER

CCC-**South:** Berlin at Platt
CCC-**East:** RHAM at East Catholic; Tolland at South Windsor, 7:30p.m.
CCC-**West:** Hall at Glastonbury
CCC-**Inter:** Plainville at Newington; Rocky Hill at Northwest Catholic; Wethersfield at Bristol Eastern, 6p.m.; Manchester at Bloomfield, 6p.m.; Avon at Maloney, 6:30p.m.
**NCCC:** Stafford at Granby, 5p.m.
**CTC:** Wilcox Tech at Bullard-Havens; Cheney Tech at Platt Tech
**CRAL:** Weaver at Classical; University/Prince Tech at Innovation
**NVL:** Woodland at St. Paul, 6p.m.
**Others:** SMSA/Bulkeley at MLC, 4p.m.; Harding at Westbrook, 4:15p.m.; East Hampton at Canton, 4:15p.m.; Somers at Coventry, 7p.m.

### GIRLS SOCCER

CCC-**North:** Windsor at Hartford Public; Rocky Hill at Bloomfield
CCC-**Inter:** Lewis Mills at South Windsor, 5p.m.; Avon at Enfield, 6p.m.; East Hartford at Plainville, 6:30p.m.; Farmington at Tolland, 7p.m.
**CTC:** Windham Tech at Grasso Tech, 3:30p.m.; Wilcox Tech at Prince Tech
**NVL:** St. Paul at Woodland, 6p.m.

### FIELD HOCKEY

**CCC:** Farmington at Lewis Mills; Simsbury at Conard; South Windsor at Wethersfield; Windsor at Hall, 6:30p.m.
**NCCC:** Stafford at Somers, 6p.m.
**Others:** Canton at Westbrook/Old Lyme, 4p.m.; Valley Regional at Canton, 6:15p.m.; E.O. Smith at Suffield, 7p.m.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**NVL:** Oxford at St. Paul, 4p.m.
**Others:** Innovation at Cheney Tech, 4 p.m.; Canton at Aerospace, 5p.m.; MLC at Bloomfield, 5p.m.; Civic Leadership at Prince Tech, 5:30p.m.; East Lyme at Coventry, 5:30p.m.; SMSA at Hall, 5:30 p.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at Hand, 5:30p.m.; Branford at Coginchaug, 5:30p.m.

### GIRLS SWIMMING

**CCC:** Maloney/Platt at Rocky Hill; Hall at Conard, 7p.m.
**SCC:** Sheehan at Lyman Hall, 6p.m.
**Others:** East Lyme at Wethersfield, 5 p.m.

## TUESDAY'S LATE COLLEGE RESULTS

### MEN'S SOCCER

**AMHERST 3, TRINITY 0**

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

**ST. JOSEPH 3, SALEM STATE 0 (25-20, 25-9, 25-12)**
**ALBANY 3, SACRED HEART 2 (19-25, 25-22, 22-25, 25-19, 15-12)**

### MEN'S HOCKEY

**UCONN 5, NORTHEASTERN 3**
**QUINNIPIAC 5, HOLY CROSS 2**

## WEDNESDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

### MEN'S SOCCER

**UCONN 4, RUTGERS 2**
**ST. JOSEPH 5, ANNA MARIA 1**
**FAIRFIELD 1, QUINNIPIAC 0**

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

**QUINNIPIAC 3, FAIRFIELD 0**

### FIELD HOCKEY

**WESLEYAN 1, CONN. COLLEGE 0**
**EASTERN 2, FRAMINGHAM STATE 0**
**ST. JOSEPH'S (MAINE) 5, ST. JOSEPH 0**

## THURSDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

UConn at Georgetown, 2p.m.
St. Joseph at Dean, 3p.m.
NJIT at Hartford, 5p.m.
Sacred Heart at Merrimack, 7p.m.

### FIELD HOCKEY

Sacred Heart at Rider, 4p.m.

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Wesleyan at Trinity, 6p.m.

## FRIDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

### MEN'S SOCCER

UMass-Dartmouth at Eastern, 1p.m.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Eastern at UMass-Dartmouth, 6:30p.m.

### FIELD HOCKEY

Fairfield at Bryant, 3:30p.m.
UConn at Temple, noon
Quinnipiac at Providence, 6p.m.

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Central at LIU, 6p.m.
Sacred Heart at St. Francis-Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
Hartford at UMBC, 7p.m.
Conn. College at Trinity, 7p.m.
Yale at Cornell, 7p.m.

### MEN'S HOCKEY

Niagara at Sacred Heart, 5:30p.m.
Quinnipiac at AIC, 7p.m.

### WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Sacred Heart at Post, 4p.m.
Merrimack at UConn, 6p.m.
Princeton at Yale, 6p.m.
Quinnipiac at Brown, 6p.m.

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## WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Charlotte 1, Loudoun United 0
Tulsa at Memphis, late
Rio Grande at Real Monarchs, late
Saturday's schedule
N.Y. Red Bulls II at Loudoun United, 1 p.m.
Hartford Athletic at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.
Miami FC at Charleston, 7p.m.
Indy at Memphis, 7p.m.
Real Monarchs at New Mexico, 7p.m.
Louisville City at Birmingham, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte at Austin, 8p.m.
OKC Energy at Tulsa, 8p.m.
El Paso at Rio Grande, 8:30p.m.
Colorado Springs at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Las Vegas, 10 p.m.
Sporting K.C. II at Oakland, 10 p.m.
Orange County at L.A. Galaxy II, 10:30 p.m.
Tacoma at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.
San Diego at Sacramento, 10:30p.m.

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# It's cider season

A gin cider cocktail. Added to cocktails, sipped on its own or even turned into a syrup, cider is anything but simple. **DAVID MALOSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

**By Rebekah Peppler**
The New York Times

Autumn is here and, despite the aggressive push for pumpkin spice, it's unequivocally apple — and cider — season.

At its most basic definition, cider is fermented apple juice. But like wine, it can skew tart, sour, dry, bitter, sweet, wild, herbal, acidic, sparkling with big bubbles or fine, fizzy bubbles, or not sparkling at all. Some ciders aren't even made from apples, but pears or other pomaceous fruit. If you're a cider aficionado, there is always a new expression to try; if you're newer to the world of ciders, it's safe to assume that, if you taste enough, you'll find one suited to your palate.

Cider has a long history. Records of cidermaking date to the Roman Empire, and many historians believe the Romans discovered it while invading what is now modern-day England. After the Norman Conquest of England in 1066, the drink spread across Europe, with regions developing different production methods and traditions influenced by terroir, apple varieties and local customs.

To that end, traditional English ciders often lean dry and tannic; French cidre tends to be sweeter, lower in alcohol and light in sparkle; and Spanish sidra is frequently funky, tangy and unfiltered. While close in proximity, the northern Basque and Asturias regions — Spain's two main cidermaking areas — produce different styles: Basque cider is typically more acidic and savory; Asturian cider fruitier. A similar contrast plays out in two of France's neighboring cider regions, Brittany and Normandy. Breton cider is often drier and a bit stronger than off-dry, complex Norman bottles.

In North America, cider was extremely popular in the 17th century, but the once-bracing drink fell out of favor amid a rising preference for beer and a move to urban development in the mid- to late-19th century.

By the end of Prohibition in 1933, many of the orchards producing small tannin-rich, often-astringent cider apples were destroyed and replaced with sweeter, more palatable table apples, and the cider industry didn't recover in the way the beer and spirits industries eventually did. But since the late 1990s, U.S. cider has moved from post-Prohibition's candy-sweet iterations to serious bottles that employ heritage and contemporary techniques and craft ciders that range from bone dry to juicy and delightfully funky.

Enjoyable on its own as an aperitif or served alongside a meal, cider has also found its way into cocktails. Andra "AJ" Johnson, beverage director and managing partner at Serenata in Washington, D.C., and a founder of DMV Black Restaurant Week, likens its role in mixed drinks to that of sparkling wine.

With the addition of sparkling wine, she said, "you're giving your cocktail another dimension, adding acidity, a bit of tannin quality, balancing the richness or sweetness of the cocktail's base, and cleansing your palate at the same time."

Ciders, she added, "are going to act the exact same way."

Start simple, and combine cider and vermouth in equal parts over ice. For another easy option that's low-ABV (alcohol by volume), swap wine for cider in a Kir cocktail, and call it a Kir Breton. Or, if you're looking for something with more spirit, top a base of gin, sherry and orange liqueur with an effervescent glug of dry cider.

"It's all about creating balance," she said. "It is not something to be overthought."

The best way to figure out which cider is most balancing is to taste a bunch and experiment. Johnson suggests using a richer cider to counter a more fruit-forward base. Pair a sweeter base with a drier-leaning cider, or vice versa.

Since many ciders are sold in larger-format bottles, you can start the evening with a cider-based cocktail or two, then drink the rest of the bottle alongside a meal. If you have any left over at the end of the night, Johnson suggests making a cider syrup by combining the remaining cider with sugar in a 1:1 ratio and gently "throwing" or pouring the mixture back and forth between two shakers until the sugar is fully dissolved.

Once you find a cider you like, you can keep pouring it year-round: If history is any indication, the apple, autumn's quintessential fruit, has staying power.

## Basque Country

*The equal proportions of vermouth and cider make this cocktail especially easy to pour or batch up. Choose a cider with a bit of tartness and funk, and reach for a quality red vermouth. Sweet and slightly viscous, it stands up to and smooths out the cider's personality. Finally, don't skimp on the garnish. The orange, olives and peppers should be deployed in a way that feels less like decoration and more like a snack. Drop the skewer straight into your cocktail to impart notes of citrus and brine — or lay it on top to snack on and sip at your leisure.*

**Makes:** 1 drink
Ice
1½ ounces sweet vermouth
1½ ounces Basque or Basque-style cider
Orange half wheels, green olives (such as Manzanilla), guindilla peppers (also called piparras), for garnish
**Fill a lowball glass** with ice. Add the sweet vermouth and cider, stir gently to combine. Thread a skewer with an orange half wheel, a few olives and a guindilla pepper, and garnish.
*— Recipe by Rebekah Peppler*

## Gin Cidre

*Bright, botanical and lightly bubbly, this cocktail is an ideal entry point to fall drinking — and one that can easily take you into spring. Look to a cider that's dry, light and not overly powerful in acid or funk here: You want the botanicals of the gin and the salinity of the sherry to play an equal role in balancing the drink.*

**Makes:** 1 drink
¾ ounce gin
¾ ounce fino sherry
½ ounce orange liqueur
½ ounce fresh lime juice
2 dashes orange bitters
Ice
2 ounces light, dry cider, chilled
**In a shaker,** combine the gin, sherry, orange liqueur, lime juice and bitters. Add ice, cover and shake vigorously until the drink is well chilled, about 15 seconds. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass and top with cider.
*— Recipe by Rebekah Peppler*

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# Treat yourself to cozy apple muffins

**By Sheela Prakash**
TheKitchn.com

These warm apple muffins, kissed with cinnamon sugar, are the coziest breakfast to wake up to in the morning. Unlike dense, super-sweet muffins that taste more like dessert, these muffins are fluffy and just lightly sweetened, with chunks of tart apples that help balance everything out. Sit down to one with your morning coffee, or pack one up for breakfast on the go.

Tart apples, such as Granny Smith, Honeycrisp or Gala, are the best choice for these muffins. These kinds of apples lend tangy, juicy sweetness, which is the perfect counterpart to the moist and fluffy crumb. They also hold their shape well when baked, which means the chunks of fruit remain evenly scattered throughout the muffins.

There's no need to peel the apples for these muffins, as the skin will become tender in the oven. Skipping this step keeps prep time to a minimum, which means you can have warm muffins on your breakfast table even faster. However, if you'd prefer to peel them, you absolutely can.

There's a fine line between using too little and too much apple in muffins. The fruit lends lots of moisture to the muffins' crumb, so if you use too little the muffins will end up dry and lacking in flavor. But if you overload the batter with apple chunks, the muffins may bake up gummy or dense. This recipe calls for just the right amount of apples to ensure perfectly moist muffins.

These tender muffins are studded with chunks of fresh apple and showered with plenty of cinnamon sugar.
**JOE LINGEMAN/THEKITCHN.COM**

## Apple muffins

**Makes:** 12 servings
Paper muffin liners or cooking spray
2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
½ cup plus 4 teaspoons granulated sugar, divided
2 teaspoons baking powder
4 teaspoons ground cinnamon, divided
½ teaspoon kosher salt
1 ¼ cups whole or 2% milk
½ cup neutral oil, such as canola or grapeseed
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 medium tart apples (about 12 ounces total), such as Granny Smith or Honeycrisp

**1. Arrange** a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 375 degrees. Line a standard 12-well muffin pan with paper liners or coat the wells with cooking spray.
**2. Whisk** 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour, ½ cup of the granulated sugar, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 2 teaspoons of the ground cinnamon and ½ teaspoon kosher salt together in a large bowl. Stir the remaining 4 teaspoons granulated sugar and 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon together in a small bowl and set aside for the topping.
**3. Place** 1 ¼ cups whole or 2% milk, ½ cup neutral oil, 1 large egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract together in a medium bowl and whisk until combined. Core and dice 2 medium apples (peel first if desired, about 2 ½ cups).
**4. Pour** the milk mixture into the flour mixture and mix with a wooden spoon or rubber spatula until just combined. Some lumps are fine. Gently fold in the diced apple.
**5. Divide** the batter between the muffin wells — about ⅓ cup of batter per well. Sprinkle each muffin with ½ teaspoon cinnamon-sugar.
**6. Bake** until the muffins are golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean, about 20 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes before removing the muffins from the pan.
**Quick bread variation:** To bake as a quick bread, line a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with a parchment paper sling and coat the pan and paper lightly with cooking spray. Pour the batter into the prepared pan, sprinkle with sugar, and bake at 375 degrees until a toothpick inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean, 45 to 60 minutes.

These steaks get their deliciously browned crust through the power of the Maillard reaction.
**CHANTAL LAMBETH/AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN**

# Cook perfect steaks with this pan-searing method

America's Test Kitchen

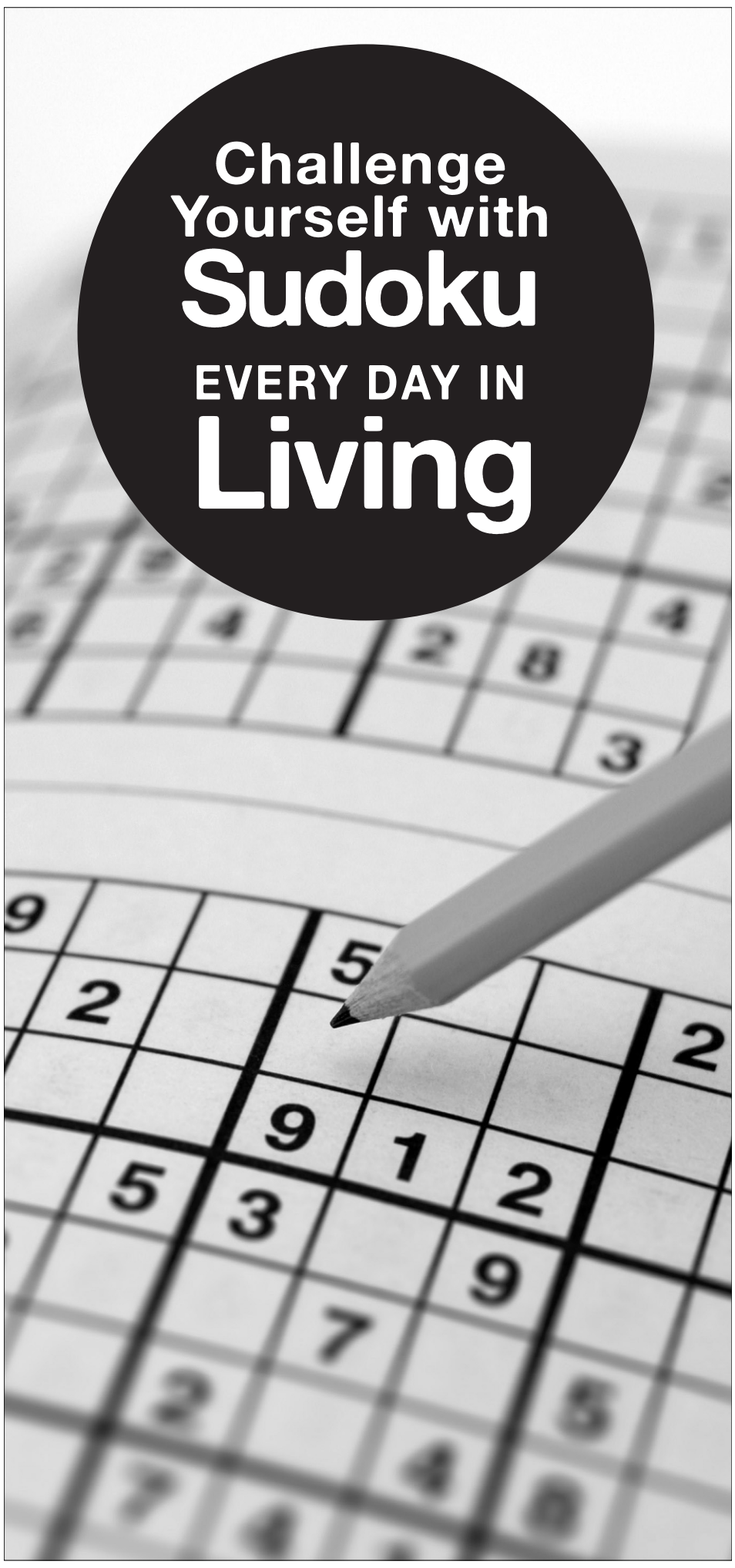
Pan searing is a great way to create a tasty crust on the outside of meat. The Maillard reaction begins on the surface of the meat, as it dries out in the heat of the pan. The proteins begin to break down into amino acids, and interact with the heat and sugars to create new flavor compounds.

The meat cooks from the outside in, so a layer of dark brown crust forms on the outside, while the inside stays pink.

In this recipe, we start the steaks in a cold pan and flip them over every two minutes. This means that the meat's temperature rises gradually, allowing more time for nice browning to build up on the outside without overcooking the inside. (This slow start also keeps the steaks from smoking and splattering on the stove.)

## Pan-seared strip steaks

**Makes:** 4 servings
2 (12-ounce) boneless strip steaks, about 1 ½ inches thick
1 teaspoon pepper
¼ teaspoon kosher salt
**1. Place** the steaks on a large plate. Use paper towels to pat both sides of each steak dry. Sprinkle steaks evenly with half of the pepper. Flip them over and sprinkle evenly with the remaining pepper.
**2. Place** the steaks 1 inch apart in a 12-inch nonstick skillet. Turn the heat to high and cook for 2 minutes. Use tongs to flip the steaks and cook for 2 minutes.
**3. Reduce** heat to medium. Flip the steaks and continue to cook, flipping steaks every 2 minutes, until well browned and the meat registers 120 to 125 degrees on an instant-read thermometer, 4 to 10 minutes longer. (Steaks should be sizzling gently in the pan; if not, increase the heat slightly. If the skillet starts to smoke, turn the heat down.)
**4. Transfer** the steaks to a cutting board. Let the steaks rest for 5 minutes. Slice crosswise into thin strips. Sprinkle sliced steak evenly with salt. Serve.
**Note:** You can also use ribeye steaks for this recipe, if you prefer.



# Among chardonnays, Chablis is different

## It's not the best of this type of wine, but it's the most singular

**By Eric Asimov**
The New York Times

The 2019 vintage confirms Chablis's distinctive qualities — as for other chardonnays, blame the winemaker, not the place or the grape. **PEPE SERRA/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Once, years ago, when I was in a restaurant on the Mendocino Coast on a work trip, I overheard an English guy asking the bartender whether she had a white wine with a "butt'ry flavor."

I never forgot it because she poured him a California chardonnay that I knew well, one that wasn't remotely buttery. And he loved it.

I took two lessons from this incident: First, people are not always able to describe precisely what it is they like or don't like in a wine, and second, what they want is not necessarily restricted to what they think they want.

We have spent the last month drinking and considering Chablis from the 2019 vintage. The idea was to compare Chablis to other chardonnays we have known and to think about the difference that vintage year can make, especially for a wine that can be as distinctive as this one.

As usual, I suggested three bottles for readers to try and, if they chose, to offer their thoughts about the wines. In addition to sharing a lot of love for Chablis, readers used this opportunity to express a general distaste for chardonnay, which happens to be the grape of Chablis and one of the most widely planted white grapes in the world.

Most of the reaction centered on two issues readers associated with chardonnay: oak and butter. Many readers linked the buttery flavor they detested (or in one case loved) to the use of oak barrels. In addition, many implied that this oaky, buttery quality was a common characteristic of chardonnay in general and of California chardonnay in particular.

We have spoken often here about the tenacious grasp of conventional wisdom in all areas of wine. The butter-and-oak connection to chardonnay is a prime example of how a thought that once had an element of truth evolves into a widely held perception that often is demonstrably wrong.

I will return to that thought, but first, here are the three bottles I suggested: Samuel Billaud Chablis 2019, Gilbert Picq & Ses Fils Chablis En Vaudécorse 2019 and Patrick Piuze Chablis Terroir de Fyé 2019.

I asked readers to think about how vintages can affect the character of a wine. This can be particularly telling with a wine like Chablis, which at its best has a particular stony, chalky, seashell minerality that I consider the most distinctive expression of chardonnay. I've seen many chardonnays from elsewhere described as "Chablis-like," but never have I found the characterization to be true.

This is not to say Chablis is the best chardonnay, only the most singular. The region's terroir produces this idiosyncratic wine. But the terroir is fragile, and the biggest variable aside from the human factor is weather, particularly given the continuing effect of climate change.

The years 2017-19 were a case in point. The weather was relatively cool in 2017, with late frosts that diminished yields, but the wines were vibrant and full of Chablis character, which delighted me. The next year was hot and dry, producing ripe, rich wines that were often excellent but seemed less typical of Chablis. They spoke more of the grape, chardonnay, than the place, Chablis.

I'm speaking generally here. We can always find exceptions. As part of Burgundy, Chablis employs a hierarchical system in which every bottle is ranked according to its potential for distinctiveness and greatness. At base are Petite Chablis, followed by Chablis, Chablis Premier Cru and, at the top, Chablis Grand Cru.

The 2019 vintage was also warm and dry, but not quite as warm as 2018, and the harvest extended longer, as the grapes did not ripen as quickly as in 2018.

Tasting the 2019s offered a good opportunity to see whether the wines were more like the '17s or the '18s, though I realize for our purposes a direct comparison between the '18s and '19s would have been even more revealing. Some readers were already onto the differences. "I think with global warming, vintage differences in Chablis may be getting more dramatic," said Larry of Boston, pointing to 2018 and '19 as well as 2014 and '15 as good examples.

I loved these three 2019s. The Picq seemed to me to be textbook village Chablis, greenish-gold in color, tense, energetic and saline, with flavors of apples, pears and herbs.

The Piuze was fresh and textured, less incisive than the Picq but more dimensional and exuberant, with flavors that were more floral and citrus than mineral. By contrast, the Billaud seemed quieter, more mellow, lightly mineral, gently saline, thoroughly Chablis-like but without the adolescent energy of the other two.

One of my favorite things about wine is how three bottles like these, all from the same vintage and from roughly the same place, can be simultaneously so alike and yet so different. They reflect the power of the general Chablis terroir, but also the subtle variations between different parcels of land and the differing methods and personalities of their producers.

Many readers, while standing up for Chablis, denounced chardonnay in general. They described it as buttery or tasting like butterscotch or even buttered popcorn. Many blamed oak for producing these flavors and centered the problem in California.

I want to make three points: First, flamboyant, buttery, oaky California chardonnays became popular in the 1980s and '90s, popular enough that producers around the world emulated the style.

But over the last 10 or 15 years, the fashion has ebbed. This style continues to have its fans, like Dariala of Massachusetts, but California chardonnay is far more stylistically diverse today. Let's not assume that California chardonnay means big, buttery and oaky, because it's just as easy to find taut, steely examples.

Second, as I've suggested, oak is not the villain, though sometimes the way winemakers use oak barrels to flavor wines can be nefarious. These days, I find many more wines are enhanced by judicious use of oak barrels rather than harmed by overdoing it.

Finally, the influence of oak has little to do with the perception of a buttery flavor. That quality, properly known as diacetyl, is a byproduct of malolactic fermentation, in which bacteria transform sharp malic acid into softer lactic acid, which is found in dairy products like butter, milk and cheese.

Here's the bottom line, and you can extend this from chardonnay to just about any kind of wine: Don't blame the grape or the container; they are almost never at fault. Most problems in wine can be traced to the producer, whether in the vineyard or in the winemaking.

# Don't have time to cook? Reach for this chili recipe.

**By Robin Bashinsky** | EatingWell

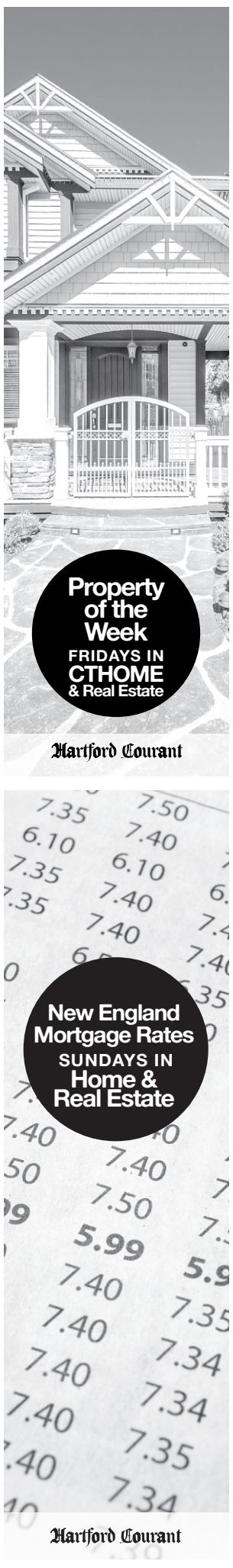
This rich and creamy chili comes together in a flash thanks to quick-cooking chicken thighs and canned white beans. Mashing some of the beans acts as a fast thickener when your soups don't have a long time to simmer. Cream cheese adds the final bit of richness and a hint of sweet tang.

Cream cheese adds richness to the chili. **JENNIFER CAUSEY/EATINGWELL**

### Creamy white chili with cream cheese

**Makes:** 6 servings
**Active time:** 10 minutes
**Total time:** 25 minutes
2 (15-ounce) cans no-salt-added great northern beans, rinsed, divided
1 tablespoon canola oil
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs, trimmed and cut into bite-size pieces
1 ½ cups chopped yellow onion (1 medium)
¾ cup chopped celery (2 medium stalks)
5 cloves garlic, chopped (2 tablespoons)
1 teaspoon ground cumin
¼ teaspoon salt
3 cups unsalted chicken stock
1 4-ounce can chopped green chiles
4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese
½ cup loosely packed fresh cilantro leaves

**1. Mash** 1 cup beans in a small bowl with a whisk or potato masher.
**2. Heat** oil in a large heavy pot over high heat. Add chicken; cook, turning occasionally, until browned, 4 to 5 minutes. Add onion, celery, garlic, cumin and salt. Cook until the onion is translucent and tender, 4 to 5 minutes.
**3. Add** the remaining whole beans, the mashed beans, stock and chiles. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and simmer until the chicken is cooked through, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in cream cheese until melted. Serve topped with cilantro.
**Recipe nutrition per serving:** 319 calories, total fat: 12 g, saturated fat: 3 g, cholesterol: 61 mg, carbohydrates: 29 g, fiber: 9 g, total sugars: 5 g, protein: 23 g, sodium: 329 mg, potassium: 662 mg, iron: 3 mg, folate: 50 mcg, calcium: 140 mg, vitamin A: 511 IU, vitamin C: 50 mg.





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The bell peppers and tomatoes with this skillet chicken are halfway between a sauce and a side dish. **DAVID MALOSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

# A sweet goodbye to pepper, tomato season

**By Melissa Clark**
The New York Times

Because both peppers and tomato turn so sweet when cooked in the pan, include a bright, briny element to balance them. A handful of torn green olives does the job here.

The cool nights and crisp days of fall may have reached the Northeast, but that hasn't lessened the flow of tomatoes and sweet bell peppers at my local farmers market, piled up in red and gold profusion.

Unlike their peak-summer counterparts, these autumnal specimens can be soft and a bit wrinkly at the edges. While no longer ideal for tossing raw in salads and slaws, they're still full of flavor and perfectly suited to long, slow simmering into stews, soups and silky sauces.

When cooked until their flesh practically melts, bell peppers and tomatoes become velvety and rich, condensing and sweetening as their juices thicken and bubble away.

The two make up the backbone of this heady skillet chicken, where they're simmered down into something that's halfway between a sauce and a side dish.

Because both peppers and tomato turn so sweet in the pan, I like to include a bright, briny element to balance them. A handful of torn green olives does the job here, offering contrast and a tangy bite. But you can use capers, pickled pepperoncini or other pickled vegetables, or even some crumbled feta if olives are not your thing.

Once that's ready, it can accompany almost anything. Adding protein turns it into a satisfying meal, whether you reach for pork chops or fish, tempeh or tofu, or eggs that have been scrambled, fried or even poached right in the sauce. (Shakshuka is born of this same basic technique.) For a lighter nibble, spoon the rich stew over crostini, maybe topped with a cloud of ricotta to make it that much plusher.

Or you could take this weeknight route and add chicken thighs. When seared until their skins crisp and render a sheen of brawny fat, they'll lend richness along with sustenance.

Cooked as written, the sauce will probably turn out on the brothy side, great for pouring over rice or couscous, or for sopping up with hunks of soft-crumbed bread. But if you are looking for something heartier, remove the chicken pieces from the pan once they're cooked, then simmer to reduce the sauce, stirring occasionally, for another 5 to 8 minutes. Return the chicken to the pan and stir in the olives, then garnish with herbs to serve.

It will be a cozy meal to warm up a chilly evening — and just as tasty when the weather is warm.

## Skillet chicken with silky peppers and green olives

**Total time:** 45 minutes
**Makes:** 4 to 6 servings
2 ¼ pounds bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh oregano (or 2 teaspoons dried)
2 teaspoons kosher salt (Diamond Crystal), plus more to taste
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 red, yellow or orange bell peppers (or a combination of colors)
5 garlic cloves
1 medium fresh tomato
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more as needed
⅛ teaspoon red-pepper flakes
¾ cup pitted, roughly chopped green olives, such as Castelvetrano
½ cup roughly chopped fresh parsley, basil, cilantro or a combination
Lemon wedges, for serving (optional)

**1. Pat chicken dry** with paper towels. Season all over with 1 tablespoon oregano, 1 ½ teaspoons salt and ½ teaspoon black pepper. Set aside at room temperature while preparing the vegetables (or refrigerate for up to 24 hours).

**2. Slice the peppers** into ¼-inch strips, removing the seeds. Peel and thinly slice the garlic cloves. Chop the tomato.

**3. In a large skillet,** heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high. When the oil thins out and coats the bottom of the pan, add chicken, skin-side down, and sear until browned on both sides, 4 to 6 minutes per side. Do this in batches if necessary; don't crowd the pan. Transfer the chicken pieces to a plate as they brown.

**4. Add remaining** 1 tablespoon oil to the skillet and stir in peppers. Sauté until tender and lightly browned, 6 to 8 minutes. Add garlic, remaining oregano and red-pepper flakes, and cook until garlic is lightly golden, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in tomato and remaining ½ teaspoon salt, and cook until tomatoes begin to release their juices, 3 minutes.

**5. Lower heat** to a simmer and nestle in the browned chicken, skin-side up, pouring in any accumulated juices from the plate. Partly cover the pan and cook until chicken is cooked through and peppers are soft and stewy, 20 to 30 minutes. Taste and add more salt if needed. In the last minute or two of cooking, stir in olives to let them heat up. Remove from heat, and sprinkle parsley or other herbs on top. Garnish with lemon wedges, if you like.

# Crispy, buttery potato roses make an impressive side dish

**By Amelia Rampe**
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Sliced Yukon Gold potatoes are formed into decorative roses. **JOE LINGEMAN/THEKITCHN.COM**

Potato roses are thinly sliced potatoes that are soaked, seasoned and formed into roses in a muffin tin. They're a sweet way to show someone (or yourself) that you care, to demonstrate your artistic prowess, or to just have a little fun with your food.

Serve them with just about anything you're cooking — I keep fantasizing about a perfectly cooked steak with pan sauce drizzled onto the potato rose petals. Hungry yet?

Yukon Gold potatoes are the best choice for roses. They have a lower starch content than russets, which means they bake up with a crispier texture.

Soaking the potatoes removes excess starch, creating a crispier end result. The batch I baked with unsoaked potatoes was starchy in the center with chewy edges. The soaked potatoes, however, had velvety centers with light and super-crispy edges — a much more pleasurable eating experience.

To soak the potatoes, you'll simply cover the slices with cold water and let them sit for 15 minutes. Then drain them and pat dry before coating with the garlic butter.

**How do you make a potato rose?** Working from the outside in and starting with the larger potato slices, line the perimeter of a greased muffin cup with five slices, shingling and bending them as needed. Repeat with five more slices, placing them inside the first layer. Shingle three slices on a cutting board and roll them up into a coil, then place in the center of the cup. Repeat with three more slices.

At this point, you'll have to use your artistic eye. Add more rolled slices as needed, placing them in the center until a rose shape is formed.

## Potato roses

**Makes:** 6 roses
1 pound small Yukon Gold potatoes
2 cloves garlic
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus more for coating the muffin tin
2 teaspoons kosher salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper

**1. Peel** 1 pound Yukon Gold potatoes. Using a very sharp knife or mandoline, cut the potatoes crosswise into very thin, ⅛-inch-thick slices. Place in a large bowl and add enough very cold water to cover. Let the potatoes soak for 15 minutes.

**2. Meanwhile,** arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 400 degrees. Coat 6 wells of a standard muffin tin with unsalted butter. Finely grate 2 garlic cloves. Melt 4 tablespoons unsalted butter in a small skillet over medium heat. (Alternatively, melt the butter in a small bowl in the microwave, about 30 seconds on high power.) Turn off the heat. Add the garlic, 2 teaspoons kosher salt, ¼ teaspoon black pepper and ⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper, and stir to combine.

**3. When the potatoes** are done soaking, drain, pat them dry with a towel and return to the bowl. The slices will feel firmer and less malleable.

**4. Transfer** the butter mixture onto the potatoes. Working quickly with your hands, separate the potato slices and rub with the butter mixture. Depending on how cold the potatoes are, the butter may solidify; just rub the butter into the potato slices, and it will melt as it bakes.

**5. Build** the potato roses, arranging the potato slices in one muffin well at a time: Working from the outside in and starting with the larger slices, press 5 slices against the sides of the well, shingling and bending them as needed. Repeat arranging and overlapping 5 more slices inside the first layer. Shingle 3 slices on a cutting board and roll them up together into a tight coil, then place in the center of the well. Repeat shingling and rolling 3 more slices, and place in the center of the well. Depending on what the rose looks like at this point, you may need to twist one or two more slices and place them in the center of the rose.

**6. Repeat** until you have 6 roses. If you have any smaller pieces that don't twist well, stack them up in a buttered muffin well to make mini pommes anna.

**7. Bake** until the edges of the potato roses are golden brown and crispy, and the centers are tender, 30 to 35 minutes. While the pan is still warm, run a small offset spatula around each rose to loosen and remove from the pan.

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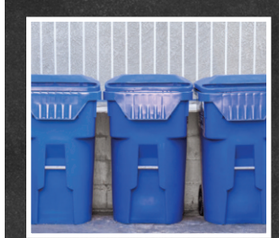

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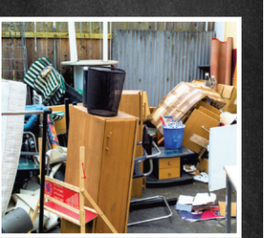

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